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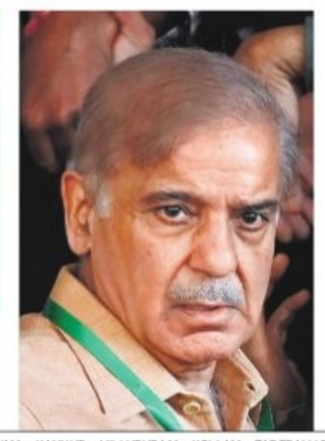

Sharif seeks meaningful engagement with india

New Pak premier Shehbaz Sharif writes to his counterpart Narendra Modi, seeking peaceful, cooperative ties with India. Sharif called for peaceful resolution of disputes, including Kashmir. He was responding to Modi's letter, congratulating him on his election. Modi had sought peace and stability in the region free of terror.

FESTIVAL OF HARMONY

Devotees throng the Sri Dharmarayaswamy Temple to take part in the Karaga procession at Thigalara Pet in Bengaluru in the early hours of Sunday | SHRIRAM BN

EXPRESS READ

Trainer aircraft overturns at Jakkur

Bengaluru: A training aircraft overturned while landing as the pilot reportedly tried to avoid a dog on the path at Jakkur Aerodrome here on Sunday. One person sustained injuries, while another escaped with unhurt, a police official said. The aircraft, a Cessna-185, veered off the runway and landed beside it, sources added. The incident occurred around 5.45 pm. P3

Congress divided over Kishor's role in the party

New Delhi: With election strategist Prashant Kishor almost certain to join the Congress, the party is vertically divided over his role. A faction is stauchly opposed to handing him the role of key strategist. "How can one fine day a decision be taken to hand over a 135-year-old organisation to a poll strategist," a former minister asked | P7

MORE COMMUNAL FLASHPOINTS

Social media post triggers riots in Hubballi; 12 police personnel injured, 87 arrested

AMIT S UPADHYE @Hubballi

Twelve police personnel were injured and seven police vehicles were damaged after thousands of people, protesting over a social media post that hurt their religious sentiments, went berserk and attacked a police station on Saturday night. In all, 87 people have been arrested for the riots, and more are likely to be picked up. Prohibitory orders under Section 144 have been clamped across the city and additional police forces have been deployed to prevent any further untoward incidents.

It was a scene of complete chaos in this commercial hub late on Saturday night as crowds ran through the streets in the dead of the night attacking policemen, private property and public vehicles.

The trigger was the derogatory post by Abhishek Hiremath (24), on his social media account. Members of a community filed a complaint and immediately, the police arrested Abhishek from his residence at Anand Nagar and brought him to the Old Hubballi police station. Soon, a large crowd gathered at the police station, demanding that the police hand over the accused to them.

The police tried to pacify the crowd saying the law will take its course, but the protesters went berserk, throwing stones at the police station and their vehicles. They turned off the high-mast streetlight, adding to the chaos.

They also targeted a religious place and a hospital located near the police station. The crowd divided itself and started attacking the police from different directions. The policemen fired nine times in the air, lobbed teargas shells and fired rubber bullets to bring the situation under control.

Hubballi Police Commissioner Labhu Ram said, "We are also investigating how such a large number of stones were collected during the protest. More arrests are likely. We are also getting reports of private vehicles being damaged and public being injured." CONTINUED ON P4

85 arrested following clashes in Kurnool

as many as 85 people were arrested following clashes when a Shobha Yatra was being taken out at Holagunda village in Andhra Pradesh's Kurnool district late on Saturday. When the procession was passing by a place of worship, some miscreants pelted stones, injuring five persons. "An inquiry has been initiated and people from both the sides booked," said SP Ch Sudheer Kumar Reddy P5

A damaged police vehicle after riots broke out in Old Hubballi late on Saturday night | EXPRESS

Let us not give a political colour to Hubballi violence. We must look at it as a law and order issue. No one should dare to take law into their hands and the state government will not tolerate such incidents -Basavaraj Bommai, CM

20 held for Delhi riots, 2 remanded in police custody

VATSALA SHRANGI @ New Delhi

TWENTY people have been arrested on charges of rioting following communal clashes that broke out in Delhi's Jahangirpuri the previous evening, the police said on Sunday, adding they are probing if the attack was pre-planned.

A local court remanded two men, Mohd Aslam and Mohd Ansar, alleged to be the prime accused, to one-day police custody while 12 others were sent to judicial custody.

According to a senior police officer, over 100 CCTV footage clips of the clashes have been collated and around 50 miscreants identified so far. "During initial investigation it has been found that the main conspirator has previously been arrested on charges of gambling and assault. At least eight others have some criminal background," the officer said. DCP (northwest) Usha Rangnani said, "Three firearms and five swords have been recovered from the possession of the accused persons." Others mentioned in the FIR include Suraj (21), Neeraj (19) and two juveniles.

"The Shobha Yatra was being carried out peacefully to mark Hanuman Jayanti, but at around 6 pm, when the procession reached outside a mosque in C-block, a man, identified as Mohd Ansar along with his four-five associates suddenly came up and started arguing with the people involved in Yatra. The argument escalated and stone-pelting started from both the sides giving rise to a stampede-like situation," the FIR stated.

Big FinMin shakeup likely as Seth takes ill

SHAHID FARIDI @ New Delhi

THE government of India is reportedly looking for a new Secretary for the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) in the finance ministry.

Ajay Seth, the 1987-batch Karnataka cadre IAS officer who currently holds this charge, has reportedly been diagnosed with a serious illness and is undergoing treatment. The government has given temporary charge of the DEA to Revenue Secretary Tarun Bajaj till the end of this month.

Sources, however, said Seth is not likely to be back in office by April 30. The government has, therefore, started looking for a full-time Secretary, DEA. Bajaj, who holds the temporary charge is a strong contender for the post. He had held this post before being replaced.

Ajay Seth

Highly placed sources said Seth is admitted in a top hospital in Delhi. Seth's absence would lead to a big shakeup in the finance ministry since there is a long list of hopefuls for the two top posts.

According to sources, if Bajaj is confirmed as the new DEA Secretary, Tuhin Kanta Pandey, Secretary in the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management, may be given the post of Revenue Secretary.

Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Department of Health and Family Welfare

National Health Mission

Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

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Taluka Level Health Mela

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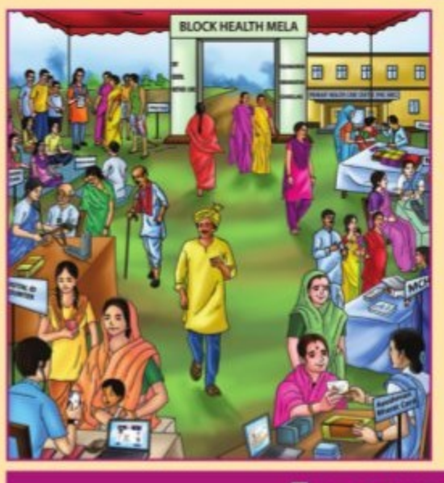

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Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Medical Education, Dr. K. Sudhakar receiving India Today Healthgiri Award from Hon'ble Union Health Minister.

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"To protect and improve the natural environment including forests, lakes, rivers and wildlife, and to have compassion for living creatures." - is the fundamental duty of every Citizen of our Country, enshrined in the Constitution.

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ALMANAC TODAY
• **Monday :** 18/04/2022 • **Year:** Shubhakrutha • **Ayana:** Uttharayana
• **Ritu:** Vasantha • **Masa:** Chaitra • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Dwitheeya 9.18 pm
• **Nakshatra:** Swathi 7.04 am • Moon in Vrischika Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am
• **Gulikakala:** 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • **Yamaganda:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER MIN 22°C | MAX 32°C
FORECAST Showers late. Increasing cloudiness

Sunrise 6.05 am
Sunset 6.32 pm
Moonrise 8.13 pm
Moonset 7.20 am

The procession inside the Hazrat Tawakkal Shah Dargah in the early hours of Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Karaga back with a bang, 10L witness procession

SHILPA P @Bengaluru

THE historic Bengaluru Karaga, which promotes communal harmony and an important religious event in the city, was taken out in a grand manner early on Sunday morning with over 10 lakh people, who lined up the streets, witnessing the spectacle.

The public procession, being held after a break of two years due to Covid, began at 3.10 am after a delay of over three hours due to the rain, which subsided around 10.30 pm on Saturday. The procession concluded at 8.30 am on Sunday, though it was supposed to end before the sunrise. This is not the first time. The procession has been delayed earlier too because of the rain, said K Lakshmana, president of the South India Agnikula Vahnikula Kshathriya Mahasangha.

Muslims were part of the celebrations and they chanted "Govinda, Govinda '', performed aratis and bowed to the deity as the procession was taken around Masthan Sahib Darga three times around 6.30 am. The Muslims offered sweets, juice, water and dry fruits to the devotees. At least 3,000 people from the minority community, including women, had gathered around the Darga and took videos and photos of the Karaga procession.

Devotees participate in Karaga procession at Dharmarayaswamy Temple | SHRIRAM BN

Lakshmana said that the procession also covered all the four Anjaneya Swamy temples at the gates of Old Bengaluru Fort area. Over 304 'sevakarthas' and 'kulasthas' (households) performed pujas. Over 5,000 Veerakumaras (created by Draupadi Devi during the destruction of Thimirasura) from Vahnikula Kshthriya community did the 'Halagu Seve', which is beating themselves with knives to invite the Goddess.

Once the Karaga returned to Sri Dharamarayaswamy temple, it was kept at Shakthipeeta and Karaga poojari V Jnanendra Vahnikula Gowda received over 10,000 people who could not witness Karaga during the procession. On Monday, Vasanthotsava will be held and the flag will be lowered (dwaja awarohana), after which flower-bedecked Karaga will be immersed in a river on Tuesday. With that the festivities conclude, he said.

PANATHUR RESIDENTS KNEE-DEEP IN MISERY

Bikers, pedestrians have to wade through sewage water

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

THE bouts of rain occurring over the last three days in the city have made the lives of nearly 25,000 residents in and around Panathur thoroughly miserable. For the railway underpass here, located 600 metres near Bellandur Road railway station, was flooded upto 4 feet making passage through it impossible.

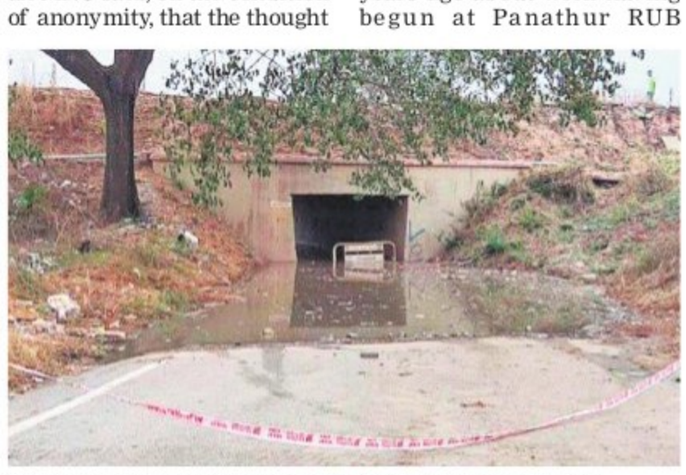
Barricades have come up near the bridge to prevent public from venturing through it. BBMP claims they have pumped out the water regularly but rain floods it again in the night as it is a low lying area.

A design engineer working at an MNC said, on the condition of anonymity, that the thought of leaving for work to Kadubeesanahalli on Monday morning is dreadful. "By using this bridge, I just need to ride 3.5 km to reach my office. Now I have to do a detour via Varthur and must travel nearly 10 km to reach my office," she said.

There are many apartments near the S-bend of Balagere Road leading from the bridge and they release their sewage here. "So all of us bikers as well as pedestrians are literally wading through the sewage water when we pass through the bridge," she adds.

Praveen Gowda, another local pointed out that MP PC Mohan had tweeted nearly two years ago about work having begun at Panathur RUB through soil testing in July 2020. "However, there has been no progress since then," he charged. "What is worse is that BBMP officials are blaming residents for buying property in such an area where illegalities abound rather than finding a solution to it," he added.

Ramesh, Assistant Engineer, Major Roads, Mahadevapura Zone told TNIE, "We are pumping out the water whenever possible. But when it rains heavily, it fills up again as this is basically a low-lying area. Due to the same issue last year also we have created a new road from Bellandur BWSSB plant to Kadubeesanahalli through Vibgyor School. Public can use it as well as use two other routes."



Waterlogging under the railway underpass which is flooded upto four feet

Tree falls on tracks, delays train

BENGALURU: The Tuticorin Express on its way to Bengaluru was delayed by one hour on Saturday night after a tree fell on the tracks between Mysuru New Goods Terminal and Naganahalli. "The tree was promptly cleared by our staff to facilitate train movement," said Chief Public Relations Officer, South Western Railway, Aneesh Hegde.

The road will facilitate easy access to the Chikkabidrakallu Metro station

Road from Anchepalya will fill connectivity gap

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THE Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) will shortly submit a Joint Memorandum to the High Court about a road being laid by the Prestige-Jindal Group from Anchepalya village, off Tumakuru Road, to facilitate easy access to the Chikkabidrakallu Metro station.

BMRCL and the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board will submit the memo on behalf of the government along with the Jindal-Prestige concern. This will finally ensure a smooth solution to the issues faced by the Nagasandra-Madavar Line (Green Line extension) of Phase-II.

The elevated 3-km Metro line will have three stations, Manjunath Nagar, Chikkabidrakallu (earlier Jindal Nagar) and Madavar (formerly BIEC). Anchepalya residents had initially demanded a realignment of the line so that they could have Metro station closer to their area and refused to allow construction work for some time.

MS Channappagoudar, General Manager, Land Acquisitions, BMRCL, told TNIE, "There were some issues pertaining to acquisition of land which will pass through the layout readied here by Prestige and Jindal. So, it has finally been decided that they will lay the road on their own to facilitate public connectivity to the Metro station."

It will be a road running to a length of 350 metres and a width of 12.5 feet which will connect Anchepalya road to a public road in Kirloskar, he specified. "The work has already started along this stretch," he added.

BMRCL Managing Director Anjum Parwez told TNIE that a decision to open the entire line by March 2023 has been taken. "Work on viaduct construction work above the NICE Road has also started and the BIEC station will be readied only next year," he said.

No towing till simplified SOP is worked out: Araga

MG CHETAN @Bengaluru

IT has been more than two months since the state government suspended towing of vehicles for parking at no parking zones and there are no signs of seeing towing vehicles in action any time soon. Sources said the government is in no mood to bring back the system soon.

Following allegations that towing staff are harassing the public, home minister Araga Jnanendra had announced on February 2 that towing will be suspended until a new simplified towing system with no scope of harassment to the public is introduced. He had also held meetings with senior police officers to discuss the new model.

It is learnt that the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) had suggested the government continue towing by reducing the target by 50 per cent. However, the home minister had not given his nod and asked them to come up with a fool-proof system. Sources said that around 100 towing staff had met Jnanendra and had requested him to start towing again.

Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) BR Ravikanthegowda said the BTP has submitted a set of SOPs for towing vehicles. "The proposal is before the government," he said, adding that there will be more transparency in the towing system if the government approves the recommended SOPs. Speaking to TNIE, Jnanendra said, "Until a satisfactory model where the staff can't harass the public is worked out, we will not start towing".

STEADFAST LOVE

Girls deep in prayer at a church in Bengaluru on Easter | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

18th April : I am highlighting Leo today, so may I wish a very warm and happy day to all my friends born under the sign of the Lion. I find this sign endlessly fascinating, if a little irritating at times! Those of us who know these people understand that sometimes we can't live with them - and can't live without them!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The time for decisions affecting your entire life is over. Now you should be more specific and, over the next month or so, you may find that financial issues are becoming increasingly pressing. However, the longer you leave them, the more information will come your way.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Making choices is never easy, but sometimes it's necessary. Over the next three days you are going to have to come down off the fence and commit yourself one way or the other, even on minor matters. Once you've made up your mind, life will be considerably less complex.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Money matters rise up the agenda. A great deal hangs on whether you are concentrating on saving or spending. One planet indicates one thing, another points to something completely different. All very enigmatic, I know, but the answer is that you'll have to listen to your own conscience.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Your social and emotional influences are almost perfect but sufficiently flawed to remind you that you're just like any other human being. By all means reach for the stars, but keep a sense of perspective. The more realistic you are, the better your chances of success.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You are bound to feel less hurt by chance events or sayings if you realise that you're misunderstanding partners' intentions. It may seem that other people are going behind your back, but that's probably only because you're not being kept properly informed.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
If you are contemplating a new involvement in a group or society, then throw yourself in with gusto. The pleasure you gain from such contacts should far outweigh the obligations. Spare a thought for ethical issues today, and check whether your actions are right - or wrong.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Mercury is linked to Venus, planet of charm, and the Sun, symbol of pride. You should therefore be full of your own ideas and you can plan ahead and plot a personal professional coup. Even in spare-time activities, you will have a chance to make a name for yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Other people are bound to take first place. Indeed, it seems desirable from your point of view that they do so. Your horoscope, you see, sometimes advises you to be selfish, but right now a spot of selflessness is the best way to achieve your goals.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
There is no escape from the daily grind today. Actually this is a rather positive forecast, for the more you accomplish now, the better able you'll be to take some time off in a couple of days' time. You see, your dreams will be so much more successful if you prepare the ground with care.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Pleasure is where it's at today. You do have a puritanical streak, but self-indulgence has its place in the scheme of things, and right now you should follow the old dictum that a lot of what you fancy does you a great deal of good! Plus, at work, make sure your ideas are heard

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
First things first. You should deal with fundamental issues before you attempt to build castles in the air. Actually, I suspect that you have already realised that this is the only way to proceed, and that you are well in tune with the new mood of down-to-earth realism.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You really do need to be more practical and objective about long-term dreams. It is far too easy for you to spend your life living for tomorrow, but tomorrow, as the song says, is a long time away. So, how about the present? Are you going to offer a loved one your support? I hope so.

THE PHANTOM

FIGHT ON YOUR OWN TERMS...
I KNEW THIS LESSON WELL THE DAY I GOT HERE!
IT'S EVERYWHERE IN THE CHRONICLES OF MY FOREFATHERS!
DE FALL + WOOD

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

I REALLY MESSED UP WITH BUX, PLATO. CAN YOU WRITE ME A MAKEUP APOLOGY?
SURE
UM, IF YOU HAVE A CHANCE, I HAVE A LOT TO MAKE UP FOR
GREG + MORT WALKER

BLONDIE

I FOUND A TWENTY-DOLLAR BILL ON MY WAY TO LOU'S DINER TODAY
GOOD FOR YOU, DEAR!
BOY, TALK ABOUT BEING IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME
I HOPE YOU SPENT THE MONEY ON A DELICIOUS LUNCH
NOPE, I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO GO ANYWHERE ELSE

LOCKHORNS

"LET'S GO IN... THEY DON'T KNOW OUR PAYMENT HISTORY."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"BEFORE WE HAD REMOTES... HOW DID YOU CHANGE CHANNELS?"

SU DO KU

Easy: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

	9	1		8	4			
	7		9		3		5	
			5	2				4
7	5		4					1
	4	9	8		5	3	6	
1					7		4	5
9				7	8			
	3		2		6		1	
			3	5		7	8	

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

4	6	5	8	2	7	1	9	3
3	7	1	6	9	4	2	8	5
2	9	8	5	1	3	7	4	6
1	5	2	3	7	9	4	6	8
9	4	7	2	6	8	5	3	1
6	8	3	4	5	1	9	7	2
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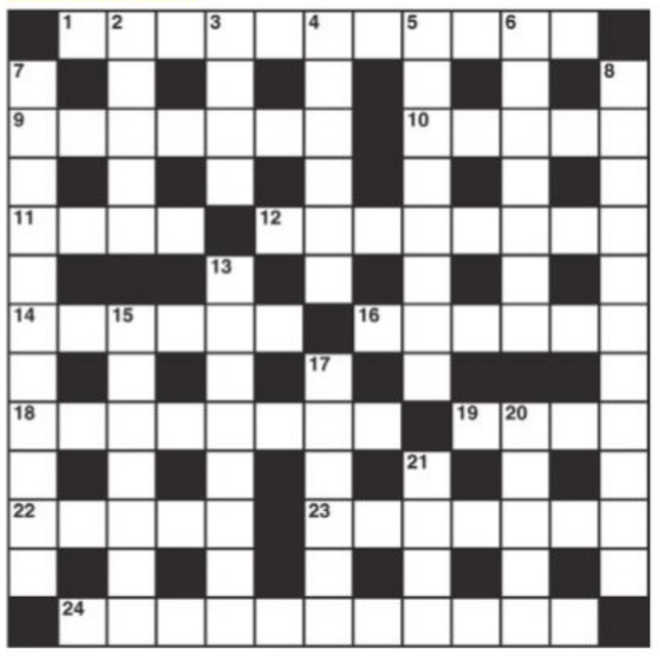
CROSS WORD



ACROSS
1 Pack up work for the rest of the year (2,2,7)
9 'I' gets so used by them (7)
10 A place where waiters are forgotten? (5)
11 Employed you and me and another chap (4)
12 Arch supporter of comic policemen (8)
14 Game in form of a puzzle (6)
16 Test an alternative sort of timber (6)
18 One's life is disrupted by crimes (8)
19 Worked at the wheel for a stretch (4)
22 Just set in order (5)
23 Beaten due to no preparation (7)
24 He lacks power to go over one's head but does (6,5)

DOWN
2 Over one ounce of oxygen (5)
3 One's upset by what smells (4)
4 Roy set out assortment of seafood (6)
5 Your ills may turn out to be imaginary (8)
6 Opening for an upper member (7)
7 An attraction to excursionists on a diet? (7,4)
8 He takes interest in his work (11)
13 Arose from having the call-up date wrong (8)
15 Criminal laid up with a broken leg (7)
17 Routed in a roundabout way as a diversion (6)
20 Is it printed on graph paper? (5)
21 Part of the Tuileries holding the sewers (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Opt out, 4 Applique, 9 Errand, 10 Crossing, 12 Awls, 13 Poppy, 14 Menu, 17 Missionaries, 20 Learn to drive, 23 Alps, 24 Stoop, 25 Shoe, 28 Uprising, 29 Ushant, 30 Slapdash, 31 Ballad.

Down: 1 Open arms, 2 Tireless, 3 Urns, 5 Perspiration, 6 Lost, 7 Quiver, 8 Eggcup, 11 Cornerstones, 15 Aisles, 16 Ready, 18 Highball, 19 Defeated, 21 Maquis, 22 Sparta, 26 Used, 27 Asia.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

HFETT

BNUTL

MCNETE

NIYAML

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

ANSWERS TOMORROW

SATURDAY'S **Jumbles:**
SINGE CLONE BATTEN GOSSIP
ANSWER: The shipping department at perfume company – SENT SCENTS

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Opposition leader Siddaramaiah said Congress will hold a state-wide protest demanding the arrest of former minister K S Eshwarappa in contractor Santhosh Patil's suicide case. Speaking during the Iftar party hosted by him in Mysuru on Sunday evening, he said Eshwarappa must be booked under corruption charges and arrested immediately

TRACKING COVID-19

DURATION OF PANDEMIC
2 YEARS, 40 DAYS

CASES REPORTED
Today: **54** | Yesterday: **45**

TALLY
Today: **39,46,369**
Yesterday: **39,46,315**

DEATHS	DISCHARGES
Today: **0**	Today: **31**
Yesterday: **0**	Yesterday: **45**

ACTIVE CASES
Today: **1,464**
Yesterday: **1,441**

POSITIVITY RATE	MORTALITY RATE
Today: **6.00%**	Today: **1.02%**
Yesterday: **6.00%**	Yesterday: **1.02%**

RECOVERY RATE
Today: **98.94%**
Yesterday: **98.94%**

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES
LAST 24 HOURS

Bengaluru Urban	49
Bengaluru Rural	0
Bagalkot	0
Ballari	0
Belagavi	0
Bidar	0
Chamarajanagar	0
Chikkaballapur	0
Chikkamagaluru	0
Chitradurga	0
Dakshina Kannada	1
Davanagere	0
Dharwad	2
Gadag	0
Hassan	0
Haveri	0
Kalaburagi	0
Kodagu	0
Kolar	1
Koppal	0
Mandya	0
Mysuru	1
Raichur	1
Ramanagara	0
Shivamogga	0
Tumakuru	0
Udupi	0
Uttara Kannada	0
Vijayapura	0
Yadgir	0

More women addicted to drugs, alcohol seek help

Pregnant women taking to alcohol and drugs is leading to foetal alcohol syndrome and also cardiac issues among their children

SHILPA P @ Bengaluru

THERE is an increase in the incidence of number of women taking alcohol and other drugs, and the women's wing of the Nimhans Centre for Addiction Medicine is receiving more patients, seeking help for de-addiction. Though the stigma associated with women taking alcohol and drugs still persists, the centre is full.

It has been very difficult for many women to seek help or access care even though the addiction may be mild, or for a brief period. Many such women come to the centre for help only during major emergencies when they develop severe problems, according to head of the Nimhans Centre for Addiction Medicine women's wing, Dr Vivek Benegal.

He explained that women take alcohol or drugs mainly to come out of a negative state of mind.

While younger women are addicted to alcohol or drugs due to stress related to work and other factors, older women are dependent on medicines to get relief from pain and ailments, and which they take beyond a point. Pregnant women taking to alcohol and other drugs is leading to fetal alcohol syndrome and also mild issues among their children later, including behavioural problems like difficulty in paying attention, in studying, motivation issues and also impulsiveness, he said.

Noted paediatric cardiologist Dr Vijayalakshmi Balekundri said a Baltimore study has shown that with lifestyle changes, increase in incidence of smoking, alcohol and drug abuse among women, especially during the first three months of pregnancy, have now become major reasons for damage in hearts of newborns.

The study has shown that smoking among pregnant women may lead diseases in the right side of the heart in infants, while consuming alcohol may lead to holes in the heart, especially ventricular sezptal defect.

"Also, due to late marriages and late pregnancies with women focusing on careers, there is an increase in incidence of genetically syndromic newborn babies and those born with Down's Syndrome. Women taking alcohol or drugs must begin taking folic acid when they plan pregnancy, at least to reduce defects in the hearts of their newborns," Dr Vijayalakshmi added.

Prescriptions for depression, anxiety among young adults on the rise

CHETANA BELAGERE @ Bengaluru

A RECENT study in England has found an increase in prescriptions for depression. Closer home, anecdotal evidence in Karnataka has revealed that prescriptions for anti-depressants in teenagers have gone up drastically. Research by the University of Bristol, United Kingdom, was published in the Britain Journal of General Practice.

Doctors and mental health experts in Karnataka say the number of adolescents and young adults aged between 10 and 24 coming to them with anxiety and depression has doubled, and use of drugs to combat these conditions has also gone up.

Dr Mahesh Gowda, Psychiatrist and Director, Spandana Healthcare, says, "There has been a two-fold increase in adolescents and young adults needing prescriptions for depression and anxiety. Post-Covid psychological presentations have increased tremendously, and many want quick relief and early recovery. Prescription medicines, if clients present medical indications, are important to ensure they recover faster. Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRI) are commonly prescribed and removed once they feel better."

To avoid anxiety and depression, adolescents must set a routine which includes healthy lifestyle, good food habits, exercising for an hour a day, reducing screen time and being exposed to sunlight for Vitamin D

Dr Preethi Galgali, Adolescent Health Specialist

Explaining that the incidence of mental disorders among this age group in India has gone up from 7% to 14% post Covid, Dr Preethi Galgali, Consultant, Paediatrician and Adolescent Health Specialist, Nimhans, says this increase is due to various stressors they face. Immaturity in terms of brain development to handle these stress factors adequately, and absence of family and support systems has aggravated the problems, she adds.

"Along with socio-economic reasons and academic pressure, Covid itself causes brain inflammation and decrease in neurotransmitters like Serotonin, which help stabilise the mood. There are many adolescents trying to cope with Long Covid syndrome... for instance, Type 2 diabetes mellitus, sleep issues etc. Also, unhealthy dietary habits during the pandemic has led to obesity and resulted in body image issues and depression," Dr Preeti explains.

She says that several have returned to school and college and found a major change in peer equations due to lack of social interactions during the pandemic.

However, not everyone is put on medication. Dr Raghu J, HoD and Senior Consultant, Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease Specialist, Sakra World Hospital, says treatment includes Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (or 'Talk Therapy') and when that doesn't work, SSRI such as Fluoxetine or Escitalopram are introduced for teenage anxiety-related conditions.

Explaining that it's sometimes important to prescribe these medicines if there are medical indications which otherwise can lead to severe depression and also suicide, Dr Pallavi Joshi, Consultant, Psychiatrist, Manipal Hospitals says generally, anti-depressants and mood stabilisers help them sleep, and sometimes medicines are needed to disengage them from addictions.

However, doctors warn that medicines should not be bought over the counter and also not prescribed unnecessarily without proper evaluation.

HEIGHT OF FRUSTRATION

Minor gets 36 stitches after robbers stab him

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TWO bike-borne robbers stabbed a 16-year-old out of frustration as they couldn't find any valuables on him. The incident took place in Richmond Town on Friday night and the police is yet to ascertain clues about the accused.

According to the Ashok Nagar police, the victim is a student in the 9th standard in a private school. The student had come to an eatery on Laurel Lane to buy food. When he was returning home by walk, two men on a bike accosted him and demanded him to hand over valuables. The boy told them that had nothing with him, so the robbers checked his pockets and forcefully stripped him to check for any valuables.

"As he resisted, one of the accused stabbed the boy with a sharp object and sped away. The victim went home and informed his sister about the incident before he was rushed to a nearby hospital, where he was given first aid. Later, he was referred to Bowring and Victoria hospitals for further treatment. The boy received 36 stitches and is now recovering at home," a police officer said.

The boy's elder sister approached the Ashok Nagar police after the treatment and filed a complaint on Saturday. The police checked the CCTV footage to identify the accused but they do not have any clues as there were no security cameras in the area. Investigations found that the accused were speaking in Kannada.

Ahmed Ali, the victim's relative, alleged that residents witness similar robberies often in the locality and had requested police to deploy beat police.

Speaking to TNIE, a senior police officer said, "We have received reports that some groups also go near private colleges and demand money from students. In some cases, we have warned them as the miscreants are minors."

Kollur temple prasadam gets safety certificate under BHOG scheme

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Udupi

THE famous Sri Mookambika Temple, Kollur in Udupi district, one of the richest temples of the state -- got the quality certificate from Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) under Blissful Hygienic Offering to God (BHOG) scheme - an initiative started by the Association of Food Scientists and Technologist of India (AFSTI).

This certificate has been given to the temple for offering clean and hygienic 'prasadam' to devotees. About 5,000 to 7,000 devotees are served the lunch at the temple daily.

Auditing before issuance of this certificate was done by a team and necessary training was given to the cooking staff at the temple.

Considering various factors like hygiene, ventilation, storage and the clean water used during the preparation of the food, the certificate was accorded by FSSAI, said Dr Premanand, designated officer, FSSAI, Udupi.

Along with Kollur Temple, other famous temples like Kukke Sri Subrahmanya, Sri Manjunatha Swamy Temple, Dharmasthala in DK district and Marikamba Temple, Sirsi in Uttara Kannada district also are selected under BHOG.

Dr Premanand said that devotees not just from Karnataka, but from other states and foreigners also visit the temple. All are offered lunch in the form of 'prasadam' free of cost. So the certification of the 'prasadam' is a good step as it would guarantee the quality and hygiene to the devotees, he said.

The auditing team had checked how the kitchen in the temple is designed and maintained, the flooring and other facilities before recommending certification from the FSSAI. The team had also mentioned how well the leftover items were discarded. The team had observed that the cook never used the oil twice for frying the food items.

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Smuggled rabbits rescued from Sanghamitra Exp

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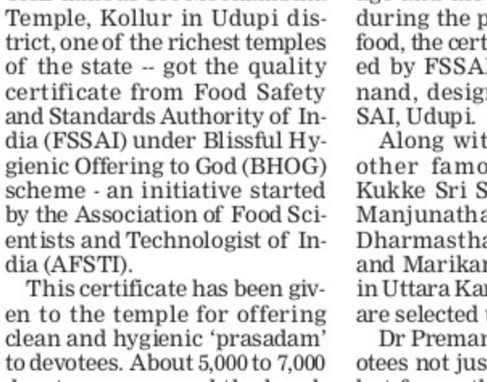
THE Railway Protection Force (RPF) on Saturday night rescued 11 rabbits that were being smuggled to Bihar by two passengers on board the Sanghamitra Express. A crackdown on wildlife smuggling through trains is being carried out across the country by the Railway Board to curb the menace.

Rescued rabbits from Sanghamitra Express | EXPRESS

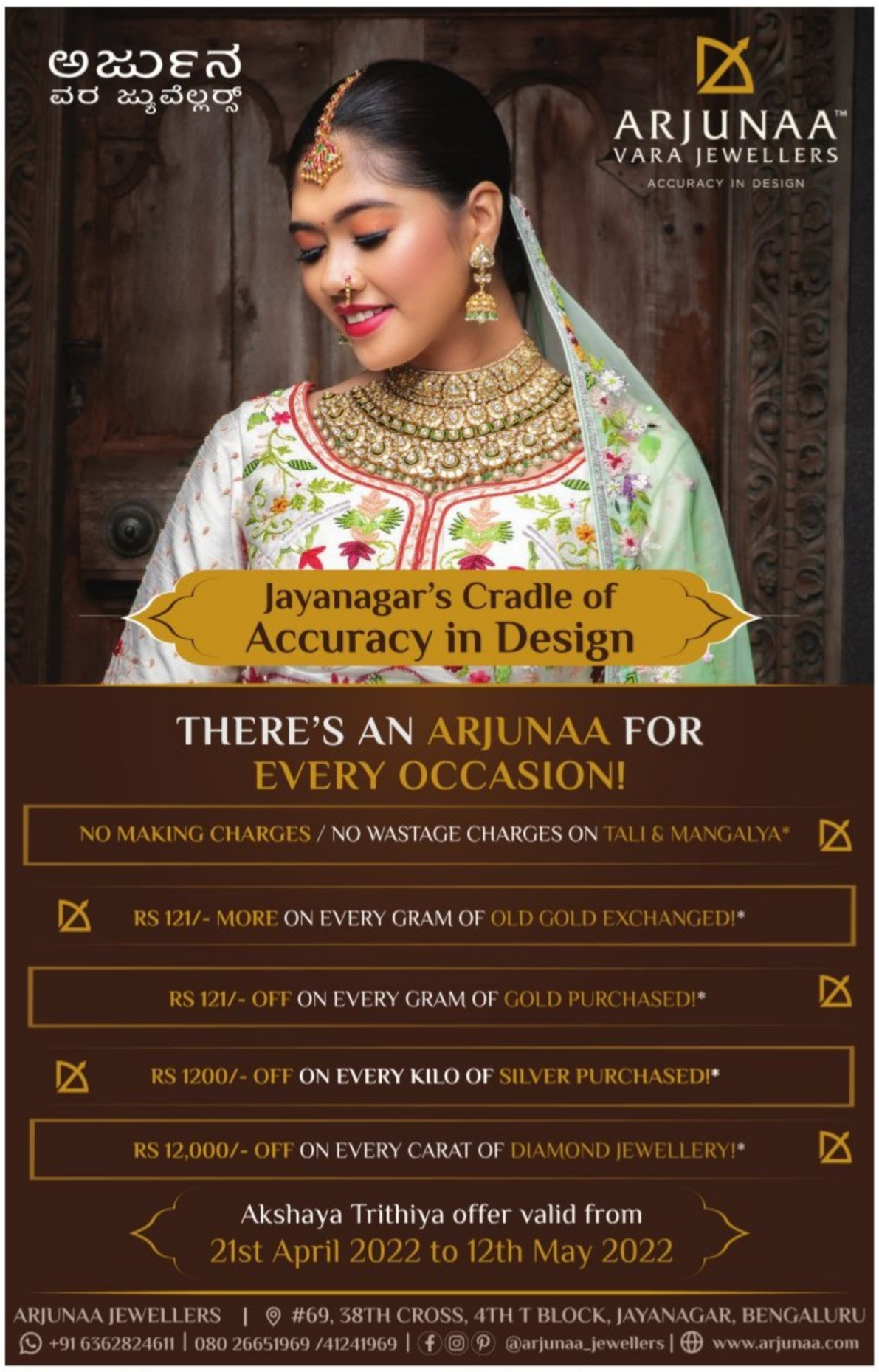
According to a railway source, 'Abbakka' unit, RPF's Shakti teams (specially constituted to curb crimes against women), led by Assistant Sub-Inspector N P Tanjuja was conducting a routine check between Krishnarajapuram and Bangarpet when they came across two iron cages with rabbits inside S3 coach of train no. 12295. "Two ticketless passenger who later managed to buy extra fare tickets on the train were carrying 11 rabbits with them. The rabbits looked ill. The duo said they planned to raise them as pets in Bihar. This raised our suspicion as no one generally takes so many rabbits," said the source. After interrogating them, it was revealed that the rabbits were being smuggled illegally. The duo were arrested and handed over to the Regional Forest Officer at Bangarpet. The rabbits were also handed over to the RFO, he added.

In another smuggling incident at Bangarpet earlier this year, a Cobra was rescued from a train. The RPF has recently been empowered to crack down on wildlife smuggling on trains.



TRAINING AIRCRAFT TURNS TURTLE ON RUNWAY, ONE HURT

Bengaluru: A training aircraft of the Government Flying School, Jakkur, toppled and fell beside the runway on Sunday evening after a dog allegedly strayed onto the path. One person sustained minor injuries, while another on board was fine, said a top police official. According to an aviation source, a CESSNA-185 aircraft overturned while landing at 5.45 pm at the Jakkur Aerodrome. "It is too early to share the reasons for it. A DGCA team is here and they are probing the issue," he said. Another source said that a dog straying onto the runway could be the reason for the accident. "It is a narrow strip here. The aircraft could have toppled due to the pilot's bid to avoid hitting the dog," he said.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Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that the Congress is 'gangotri of corruption in the country which was first started by the then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and still going on. "On what moral ethics they (Congress) are blaming BJP," he asked

STRAWS IN THE WIND

YSR Cong sets sights on border dists

It is not uncommon to have leaders from neighbouring states, especially cine actors-turned-politicians, descend on Karnataka during election season. The likes of Chiranjeevi and Pawan Kalyan would campaign in assembly constituencies adjacent to Andhra Pradesh, and influence the Telugu speaking populace. But now the buzz is that YSR Congress, founded by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, is likely to field its candidates in Karnataka for the 2023 assembly polls. "I will discuss with the CM the creation of a base for the party in Karnataka, and also contesting some seats in border constituencies," hinted K V Ushashri Charan, minister for women and children welfare in the Jagan cabinet. She made the statement in Doddaballapur recently during a Kuruba community event. Not surprising, considering she is Kalyanadurga MLA in Ananthapur district which shares the border with Karnataka.

Welcome change in Kalaburagi

Kalaburagi's peaceful co-existence comes as a breath of fresh air amid the toxic communal atmosphere in Karnataka -- either over the hijab or Muslim vendors or azaan on the loudspeaker. On Rama Navami a few days ago, when communal clashes ruled the day elsewhere, activists of many organisations took out a massive rally from Rama Teertha near Aland Naka to Jagat Circle, with a big portrait of Rama. When the procession reached Shekh Roza Dargha, volunteers of the minority community reached out to the processionists and offered juice and butter milk to more than 1000 Hindu activists. As one activist put it aptly, "We have not seen Lord Rama, but people who are walking for such a long distance in this scorching summer, will naturally get tired. We are serving humankind, and with this, we are serving our 'khuda' (God)."

Support of the seer brigade

Former minister K S Eshwarappa, who is accused of abetting the suicide of contrarctor Santosh Patil and was forced to resign as minister, has been getting much support from seers of various mutts. A string of saffron-clad supporters, including those from backward class and Veerashaiva Lingayat mutts, has been visiting Eshwarappa's house in Shivamogga, reportedly to 'boost his morale'. The seer of Raghavendra Swamy Mutt, Mantralaya, also spoke to him over phone. It would seem that power gives that edge -- even when it's dark days, ministers can be down, but never out. And certainly never alone.

What's in a name? Plenty in this case

Revenue Minister R Ashoka did it again. The man who has a penchant for getting names mixed up left the Uttara Kannada ZP CEO embarrassed when he gave the IAS officer a new surname. Excitedly mentioning the names of those on the dais, he referred to the DC correctly as Mullai Muhilan, but turned Priyanga M to 'Priyanga Muhilan'. Whether it was confusion or a mistake, it was quite discomfiting for the lady. Ashoka was in this area as part of his village stay at Achivae in Uttara Kannada. It is said that the minister tends to forget names -- at a protest in the early 2000s, while seeking the resignation of KPCC Chief V S Koujalgi over a bribery charge, Ashoka just couldn't get his name, and was rescued in time by former colleague and Rajajinagar MLA Suresh Kumar.

Violence was planned, suspects minister

More than 2,500 protesters had gathered armed with stones; Similar to violent protests in Bengaluru 2 years ago

ARUNKUMAR HURALIMATH
@ Hubballi

A police vehicle which was damaged in the incident; (Top) Protesters involved in stone-throwing were picked up by the Hubballi police on Sunday | DHEMANTH

THE protest at Old Hubballi Police Station which turned violent, leading to large scale stone-throwing late Saturday night, has left the police baffled as to how the mob managed to gather such a large amount of stones. The violence began on Saturday night after more than 2,500 protesters gathered at the spot. Police said many were carrying stones in their hands.

On Sunday morning, HDMC staff collected nearly two tractor loads of stones and around 300 pairs of footwear from the spot. Home Minister Araga Jnanendra said he had got information that the incident was planned. "The incident is on the lines of violent protests in Bengaluru two years ago," he said. Many BJP leaders, too, termed the violence as planned.

Hubballi-Dharwad Police Commissioner Labhu Ram said they will investigate the huge quantity of stones used in the violence. "Police are investigating various angles of the case, and will not spare any miscreant," he said.

Meanwhile, Mohammed Yusuf Savanur, president of Anjuman-e-Islam, said such stone-throwing incidents were never reported in Hubballi in the past. "It looks like a planned incident, police should investigate it," he said. "A few Muslim leaders were also injured when they were hit by stones. At the time of stone-throwing, the high mast streetlight was turned off, later it was switched on. Some miscreants are behind the incident, so the police should investigate properly."

"During Ramadan, all should maintain peace in society. We want food, water and development. We have all suffered economically for two years so I request all religious leaders to maintain peace," he added.

Hanuman temple targeted

Window panes of Diddi Hanuman temple in Old Hubballi were damaged in the violence. The temple authorities lodged a complaint with police and stated that many stones were removed from the temple premises.

Joshi visits site

Union minister Pralhad Joshi, accompanied by Jnanendra, visited the tension-hit area and also held meetings with police.

Police conduct route march

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ADDITIONAL police forces from other districts have been deployed to prevent any further incidents. On Sunday, platoons of RAF and armed police personnel conducted a route march in sensitive areas of the city.

Dharwad Deputy Commissioner Nitesh Patil visited the Old Hubballi police station and held a meeting with top officials. Patil said that the arrests are being carried out based on the CCTV footage and other evidence available. "The situation is under control and prohibitory orders will be in place till further orders," he added.

"Though the police had arrested the person who had posted a social media post, some people assembled in front of a police station and incited trouble," CM Basavaraj Bommai said.

State in golden period of growth: Nadda

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CM Basavaraj Bommai (right) greets BJP national president JP Nadda | EXPRESS

BJP National President J P Nadda said that Karnataka was passing through a golden period of development because the double-engine government has taken off with a slew of programmes and projects to bring about transformation in the state and was also leading the nation in implementation.

Nadda recounted how Karnataka has fared well in building roads, laying new railway lines, implementing social security schemes, contributing to the country's economy and even exports, and said it happened due to the "blessings of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and B S Yediyurappa, and able leadership of chief miniser Basavaraj Bommai".

He also appreciated the functioning of the State unit of the party, which has been working to win over 150 seats in the next Assembly election. Nadda said that the lotus should bloom once again in Karnataka, which should bring transformation to all of South India. "We are very lucky to be working as BJP under the leadership of Narendra Modi," he stated.

'Be instrument of change'

Nadda asked party workers to become good instruments of change, and bring changes in the life of the poor, underprivileged, women and youth. To become a good instrument of change, one should have a clean mission and vision, he added.

On the farmers' issues, Nadda said there were several leaders who proclaimed themselves as architects of famers' welfare, but did nothing for farmers, and cited the Kissan Samman Ndhi, Fasal Beema Yojana, neam coated urea and several other programmes have ensured empowerment of the farmers.

Nadda said the government has guaranteed insurance against treatment of severe illness, water tap connections to every household, toilets for every house, direct benefit transfer through financial inclusion and shelter for all homeless. The Garib Kalyana Yojana implemented during the pandemic had been appreciated by the United Nations and several international forums, he said.

Cong, corruption are synonymous, says Nadda

PRAMODKUMAR VAIDYA
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BJP national president JP Nadda launched a scathing attack against the Congress, and said that the party is synonymous with corruption. Wherever there is Congress, there will be corruption, he said. Addressing a public rally after the conclusion of the party's State executive meeting, Nadda said that Congress and corruption are two faces of the same coin. The Congress leaders speak of joblessness in the country, but they are worried over their unemployment as they have become a fish out of water, without power. However, every data revealed by international rating agencies showed that the country's economy was on the path of recovery and employment opportunities are there in the manufacturing, automobile, engineering, pharma and health sectors. He alleged that Congress is in a relationship with associations which back terrorists. Let the party come clean on the Siddaramaiah government withdrawing cases against the members of the PFI, who were behind communal riots.

EXPRESS READ

Lecturer accuses Renukacharya of land grabbing

DAVANGERE: Vanajakshamma, a resident of Honnali, who is a lecturer in a private college alleged on Sunday that Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's political secretary MP Renukacharya is trying to grab their land illegally. Addressing a press conference in the city, she alleged that her family owns 5 acre 8 guntas land in a prime location in the city and the property is under dispute in a civil court. Even after knowing the proceedings, Renukacharya is constructing buildings illegally on the land. "Renukacharya has purchased the property illegally from unauthorised persons who do not have any relation with the property and is constructing houses, thereby disrespecting the law," she alleged. Although all the pertinent documents were given to Renukacharya including e-swathu, she alleged that he ignored them and constructed commercial complexes and buildings while the officials at Honnali are not supporting them.

BJP meet hails Modi, condemns Congress

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR
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THE BJP State Executive meeting on Sunday passed a number of resolutions, mainly hailing Prime Minister Narendra Modi, winning over 150 seats in the next assembly elections, and condemning the Congress for failing to act like a "responsible opposition". Primarily, the resolutions were all about patting its own back. Modi was hailed wholeheartedly for protecting the interests of the country with respect to the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine, besides bringing 18,000 stranded students and citizens back to the country with Operation Ganga, and also the body of Naveen, a war casualty. The resolution on the Congress accused the party of being ideologically bankrupt, indulging in appeasement politics, disrupting assembly sessions houses and politicising deaths. The party was accused of posing a threat to the nation as it had dropped cases against those encouraging division of society.

The State government's move to build 100 hostels, five special universities and upgrading of seven government engineering colleges to the standard of IIT, was welcomed. Reintroduction of the Yashaswini scheme and setting up of cooperative banks for a white revolution are widely appreciated. The vaccination drive, exporting of vaccines, implementation of railway projects, encouraging blue revolution were also hailed.

Watermelons smashed as Nuggekeri accused get bail

MALLIKARJUN HIREMATH
@ Dharwad

FOUR members of Sri Ram Sena, arrested for vandalising a Muslim trader's shop at Nuggekeri, were granted conditional bail on Saturday.

Pro-Hindu activists received them outside the central prison by smashing watermelons. The members of the Sena were arrested on April 9 by Dharwad Rural Police.

Speaking to media persons, one of the accused alleged that the person selling watermelon in Nuggekeri used to spit on the fruits. Sri Ram Sena and other right-wing activists had asked the temple authorities to stop Muslim traders from doing businesses near the temple. The temple authorities however decided to bar business near the temple premises.

On April 8, Sena activists went to Nuggekeri temple, and smashed watermelons from the fruit cart belonging to 68-year-old Nabhisab Killedar, who has been selling fruits in the temple premises for the last 15 years. "By smashing watermelons outside the central prison, the activists have symbolically shown that they have done nothing wrong. Such celebrations will add fuel to the ongoing tense situation among communities," said a social activist from Dharwad.

HDK attacks Cong, BJP for grim situation in State

BENGALURU: JDS senior leader HD Kumaraswamy on Sunday launched a scathing attack on both BJP and Congress, alleging that the national parties are responsible for the grim situation prevailing in the state. But targeting Congress, he said the party has no moral right to stage protests demanding the arrest of KS Eshwarappa as it could not protect an honest officer when it was in power for five years. New JDS state president CM Ibrahim, who took over on Sunday, said the assets of Eshwarappa should be confiscated to send a message to other ministers.

Khandre demands judicial probe into Patil case

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@ Kalaburagi

THE government should entrust the allegation of 40 per cent commission in works and the cause of contractor Santosh Patil's death to a judicial inquiry by a sitting judge of the high court, demanded KPCC working president Eshwar Khandre.

Khandre said during a Press conference that the president of the Karnataka State Contractors' Association had written to the Prime Minister, Home Minister, and Chief Minister long back, demanding a proper inquiry but the government asked for evidence. Patil's strong hint of KS Eshwarappa's involvement in demanding commission is sufficient proof, he said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi who has always said 'Na Khavunga, Na Khane Dunga' should immediately intervene to save Karnataka from rampant corruption. If the PM and CM continue to maintain silence, it means they are also abetting corruption, Khandre said. When some media persons pointed out that the allegations by BJP leaders that the leaders of the previous Congress regime had demanded commission from contractors, Khandre said let the BJP government conduct an inquiry against Congress leaders also, and if the allegations are found true, then take legal action.

Khandre said the BJP government which initially denied irregularities in the PSI CET scam, later ordered a CID inquiry, and the CID has already arrested seven accused. "We do not trust a CID inquiry. The State government should hand over the case to the CBI," he demanded.

KPCC Vice President Dr Sharanaprakash Patil said that the CM should step down from the post owing more responsibility. Corruption and nepotism are at the core of the BJP government, he alleged.

PSI job scam: Priyank demands judicial inquiry

BENGALURU: Senior Congress leader Priyank Kharge demanded a thorough probe into the alleged irregularities in the recruitment of the Police Sub-Inspectors (PSI). Speaking to media persons on Sunday, the former minister said that action must be taken against those involved in the irregularities to the tune of more than Rs 200 crore and a detailed investigation should be conducted. He said that there is a need to probe the money trail and alleged that Rs 60 lakh to Rs 70 lakh was taken from each candidate. The government must also ensure that no injustice is meted out to the candidates who competed honestly in the examination, he added. "Those in the government who are responsible for such irregularities must be sent to jail," he said.

FAIRS RESUME

Chew this! Betel leaves growers back in biz

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @Gadag

THE twin villages in Gadag -- Yelishirunj and Yelishirur -- have betel leaves growers in every alternative house.

Farmers of these villages now heave a sigh of relief as they are now back in demand two years after the pandemic with the fairs resuming in the district, boosting business. The villages got the name 'yeli' meaning leaf in Kannada, since many farmers grow betel here. For decades, they have been cultivating betel leaves and have not tried other crops. People from nearby towns and districts visit Yelishirunj and Yelishirur to buy the leaves in bulk. The pandemic had closed fairs resulting in huge losses for the betel leaves growers. Many sold betel leaves in Shirahatti for a thin margin. Now they have daily orders from Gadag, Shirahatti and Mundargi. Parashuram Uppar, a betel leaves grower said, "Yelishirunj and Yelishirur twin villages have hundreds of farmers who are dependent only on betel leaves. Many farmers suffered in the pandemic. Farmers here sell thousands of leaves which can be stored for only a week. Our village is known for good quality leaves".

Aim is to make HDK CM: Ibrahim

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@ Bengaluru

FORMER Union Minister Chand Mahal Ibrahim took over as the new president of state JDS from former minister HK Kumaraswamy in the presence of former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda and former Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy at the JP Bhavan party office on Sunday.

Both Kumaraswamy and Deve Gowda clarified that Ibrahim was brought back to the JDS fold to march forward with all the communities which he is capable as a senior leader and not to appease the minorities. Ibrahim was the Civil Aviation Minister in the United Front government headed by Deve Gowda at the Centre during 1996-97 and was close to the Gowda family. Hence, he termed his return to the JDS as reuniting with the family."My objective is to make Kumaraswamy CM as people of the state desire," he said. He highlighted Gowda's credentials as a secular leader since he had refused the offer of support from former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee when the Congress withdrew their support to the United Front government at the Centre.

The Human Rights Forum (HRF) has demanded that the chemical plant of Porus Laboratories Private Limited located in Akkireddigudem village in Musunuru mandal, Eluru district, where a blast occurred on the night of April 13 that resulted in the death of six workers and fatal injuries to 12 workers, be shut down permanently

10k mental patients suffer post recovery

Because of delay in rehabilitation, thousands forced to live like prisoners in Kerala's 125 centres

SHAINU MOHAN @T'Puram

IF spending life in a mental health centre after recovering from the illness is the cruellest ordeal, then more than 10,000 persons are suffering exactly that in Kerala, because of the inordinate delay in getting rehabilitated. They are forced to live like prisoners in closed and inhuman environments at the state's 125 psychosocial rehabilitation centres and three mental health centres approved by the Social Justice Department (SJD).

The department had launched the Prathyasa Project in 2019 to rehabilitate cured patients from other states, but only 150 could be reunited with their families in the past two years.

"The low number shows how inadequate the programme is. There are more than 10,500 patients in various homes and another 3,000 in private centres. They are in various stages of rehabilitation. Around 30% of them are from other states. They are voiceless and the government should come up with programmes so that they are integrated into their families and society," said Kerala State Mental Health Authority member Fr George Joshua.

"A majority of the patients are stuck at rehab centres because families are not ready to take them back. The psychiatry wing of the Thiruvananthapuram Medical College Hospital had implemented a model rehabilitation programme for the cured. As part of that, they offer home care to the rehabilitated. It can be replicated across the state. Instead of locking them up, they can be rehabilitated in their homes," Fr Joshua added.

Prathyasa is being implemented by the SJD with the help of NGOs. The state government has sanctioned around ₹29.29 lakh for the scheme. "A total of 150 patients have been rehabilitated since the launch of the project. Initially, we ran the programme with the help of an NGO based in Ernakulam and they rehabilitated around 118 cured patients during 2019-2020. It was impossible for one NGO to cover all the institutions across the state. We have deployed two more NGOs. For the Thiruvananthapuram zone, we have entered into an agreement with a Kollam-based NGO. They will start the programme soon. We allotted funds to the NGO in February," said the official.

Inadequate funds

Elizabeth Sebastian of Divya Karunya Charitable Trust, an NGO which has done 124 of the total 150 rehabilitations as part of Prathyasa scheme, said the state government's fund is inadequate to rehabilitate patients from other states.

"I accompany the cured patients to their homelands and the amount sanctioned by the government is very less. For local transportation, the government allots ₹500 while the actual amount we spend is much more. For the past two months, we didn't rehabilitate anyone due to a lack of funds. We suffered a loss of more than ₹3 lakh because we couldn't produce the bill," said Elizabeth, who has been rehabilitating patients for the past 24 years. "Normally, we don't get details from the patients and if we fail to locate their families, we find a rehabilitation centre in their homelands," she added.

Forensic ward

There are around 300 recovered patients at the Mental Health Centre in Thiruvananthapuram. The efforts to rehabilitate them drag on. The worst hit are the patients admitted to the forensic ward. Three patients are learnt to have completed 30 years at the forensic ward --- one of the worst wards at the MHC in terms of facilities.

"People who get admitted to the forensic ward request us to send them back to prison as life there is better compared to the Mental Health Centre," said advocate and activist J Sandhya.

Police attempt to control a tense situation at Holagunda, Kurnool district, Andhra Pradesh, on Sunday | EXPRESS

5 injured in clashes in Kurnool, 85 arrested

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AT least 85 persons were arrested following clashes that broke out during a religious ceremony in the Holagunda mandal headquarters in the district late Saturday night. The tension continued on Sunday morning also with people belonging to the two groups gathering in large numbers in the town but the police prevented any flare up of the clashes by deploying additional forces.

According to reports reaching here and police officials, locals took out Hanuman Shoba Yatra on the occasion of Hanuman Jayanthi in the village, which is some 20 km from the borders of Karnataka. Around 7 pm, when the as the yatra reached near a place of worship, some miscreants pelted stones on the procession and the situation went out of hand and both the groups pelted stones on each other for some time. At least five people were injured in the stone pelting.

Additional forces rushed to the town and brought the situation under control in the night but tensions continued. Superintendent of Police Ch Sudheer Kumar Reddy and revenue officials visited village Sunday morning and interacted elders of both communities and also local. The police warned the youngsters and trouble-mongers of severe action, if they resort to any violence or hooliganisam. The police pickets continue to keep a vigil in the town. "We have arrested 85 persons -- 42 belonging to one community and 43 of the other community. After medical check up they will be produced all of them in the court," he said.

Meanwhile, the BJP condemned the incident and blamed the ruling YSRC government for the clashes and said the SDPI is involved in the attacks.

"Alarming situation in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh. Radical Muslims backed by SDPI, attacked procession taken on #HanumanJayanti. Sad part is Minority appeasement State Govt. is silent on this. Hindus must be aware. @BJP4Andhra will agitate if YCP Govt. shows inaction in this issue," BJP Andhra Pradesh Co-Incharge Sunil Deodhar tweeted.

Alarming situation in Kurnool, AP. Radicals backed by SDPI, attacked procession on Hanuman Jayanti. BJP Andhra will agitate if govt shows inaction — Sunil Deodhar, BJP Andhra Pradesh Co-Incharge

TIME TO PRAY

Devotees participate in a Mass on the ocassion of Easter at Santhome Church in Chennai on Sunday | EXPRESS

With relaxations, tourism bounces back

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After being confined to homes due to the Covid-19 lockdown and travel restrictions for close to two years, there is a sudden spurt in tourism. The fall in coronavirus cases, coupled with long weekends and the summer vacation, is leading to a renewed interest in travel. The sector had been one of the worst-hit due to the pandemic.

In fact, there is a surge in 'revenge tourism', a term coined for those who travel as a challenge to the pandemic. Tourist destinations are seeing a peak with people preferring eco destinations, to stay close to nature.

All 26 properties of Jungle Lodges and Resorts of the State tourism department are seeing huge occupancy since last month, M Ravi, Vice-President of Karnataka Tourism Forum said. "Tourism has resumed and is near normal. In fact, tourist destinations are doing much better than during the pre-pandemic period. Hotels in Coorg, Kabini, Sakleshpur, Chikkamagaluru, Mysuru and even beach resorts in Udupi and Karwar are seeing 100 per cent occupancy since Thursday. At least 30 per cent of these tourists are from other states, including Kerala, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and even North India. In fact, the tourist flow picked up from February, after the third wave," he said.

Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association president C Narayangowda said that hotel rooms in Mysuru too are witnessing 100 per cent occupancy, and at least 60 per cent of tourists to Mysuru are from other states.

According to JLR MD Manoj Kumar, during this month alone, the top five JLR properties in the state are seeing high occupancy. He added that even when during the pandemic, the JLR properties in the state had good occupancy and in 2021, the average occupancy in JLR doubled compared to 2020, taking the earnings to Rs 64,36 crore.

Twin murder planned, was tough to prevent: Police

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A DAY after the twin political murder in Palakkad that rocked the state, police claimed on Sunday that they have got specific leads in both cases and have detained several people for interrogation. Investigation is being based on CCTV footage and there is good progress, they said.

ADGP Vijay Sakhare told reporters that the killings of PFI worker Subair and RSS activist A Sreenivasan within a span of 24 hours were preplanned and hence would have been difficult to prevent. It cannot be said there was any lapse on the part of the police.

Two investigation teams, each headed by a DySP, have been formed to probe the two killings, he said. Investigation by them will be monitored by the superintendent of police.

The police have got specific leads in the killing of PFI activist Subair. Several persons are under observation and many have been taken into custody for interrogation. Since the investigation is in progress, their names cannot be disclosed.

The police have also got leads into the killing of RSS leader Sreenivasan.

The FIR states that political rivalry was behind the murder of Sreenivasan, which was committed by six persons. It was backlash of the killing of PFI activist, Subair.

Meanwhile, Speaker M B Rajesh, an elected representative from Palakkad for the past several years, said the killings were part of an organised plan to foment violence across the state.

He said communal forces were indulging in violence after their attempts at finding a toe hold in the state have failed. The speaker appealed to the people to uphold secular and democratic values and isolate the perpetrators.

An all party meet will be held at the collectorate conference hall on Monday afternoon. Electricity Minister K Krishnankutty will chair the meeting. Security has been beefed up in Palakkad district in view of the twin murder.

EXPRESS READ

TRS leader, 6 others named in mother-son suicide case

Kamareddy: Kamareddy police, along with Medak police, on Sunday started investigating the suicide of realtor Gangam Santosh and his mother Padma in a lodge on Saturday. Police registered a case under IPC Section 306 against all the seven people who Santosh and his mother accused of tormenting them. As per the complaint, Ramyampet Municipal chairman Palle Jagadishwar Goud as A1 and the Inspector Nagarjun Goud is A7. The other five persons named by the victims have been named A2 to A6. After collecting the evidence, the accused persons will be questioned.

Makers Space to come to engineering colleges in TN

Chennai: In a move to help engineering students hone their entrepreneurial skills, the Tamil Nadu Higher Education Department has decided to set up Makers Space, an incubation cell like platform, in select government engineering colleges soon. According to officials, in the first phase Makers Space will be established with industry partners in at Karaikudi, Tiruchirappalli, Tirunelveli, Salem and Tamil Nadu Polytechnic College at Madurai in the State.

BITING THE DUST?

Demolition threat looms over Nizam's palace

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EVEN as heritage activists from Hyderabad have been claiming that the iconic Nazri Bagh (King Kothi palace) was being razed down for the past couple days, which has also prompted the GHMC officials to rise to the occasion and increase it's vigil at the site, Neeharika Infrastructure Pvt Ltd, the company which has been claiming ownership of the property, has asserted that there was no demolition taking place as being reported in the media.

"Some papers carried out information that the King Kothi palace is being razed down and to verify the news, we visited the site and verified made local enquiries. The information carried out is false and no such activities are being carried out. The palace in intact and no such construction or demolition is being carried out," stated Neeharika Infrastructure, in a statement released to media.

"The King Koti palace is a Notified Heritage Structure & can't be altered/modified/demolished without prior permission from GHMC.

The 'Ghadial Gate' located on the east side of Nazri Bagh (King Kothi Palace) in Hyderabad | EXPRESS

Its in civil dispute. All said owners are served notices not to alter/level/do anything. Police is asked to maintain vigil," tweeted Arvind Kumar, Special chief secretary for MA&UD, on Sunday.

For the past couple of days, residents of King Koti locality have been complaining that heavy dust was gushing out of the palace and loud thuds were being heard from inside, as if the palace was being demolished from the inside, leaving the outer skeleton of walls intact, to give an impression to the outsiders that the palace is intact.

A demolition strategy was earlier adopted to demolish the historic Asmangarh Palace last year, videos shot by the locals were circulated on social media, which showed dust rising from an area of the palace. This property of the Nizam spread around 6.5 acre land was owned by the Nizam Trust, managed by Nazri Bagh Trust for administrative convenience. Since 2011, there have been negotiations between the trust and Neeharika Infrastructure Pvt Ltd for sale of the land, which has only materialised recently. However, there has been an ownership dispute between Neeharika Infrastructures and Iris Hospitality, which is presently sub-judice. At this point, rumours about the palace being demolished have come as a shock to heritage activists.

The Nazri Bagh palace is presently classified as heritage number 48, II-B under the HMDA Regulations. Heritage activists have been reiterating time and again, that though the ownership may change, heritage monuments couldn't be touched.

CAMPUS CANVAS

Stellar Placement Season at REVA University

Lighting of the lamp by Dr. P Shyama Raju, Chancellor, REVA University, Dr. M Dhanamjaya, Vice Chancellor, REVA University, Venkat Ramaseshan, Global Head TA, Mindtree and Gurpreet Jaggi, Global Talent Acquisition Head, BETSOL

Premier educational institution, REVA University, organised Abhinandan 2022, a laudatory ceremony honouring the efforts of students who were able to secure jobs in prestigious organisations.

REVA University's Career Development Centre set a stellar placement record this year, setting a new high for the university. More than 2800 students bagged offers at prestigious firms and institutes, and the Career Development Centre again upheld the motto "We Promise, We Deliver".

Dr. P. Shyama Raju, Chancellor, REVA University, said that he feels honoured to see his students' remarkable achievements, despite the pandemic. "Students deserve full credit, and my dream of REVAites becoming employment providers by 2025 is a realistic possibility," he said.

Dr. M. Dhanamjaya, Vice-Chancellor, REVA University, said, "Our students are technological leaders and the placements are the beginning of their careers. Students should take responsibility for their actions, improve skills, advance their careers, and be resourceful."

WHEN THE 'ENERGY SWARAJ' YATRA BUS CAME TO NMIT

Dr. Chethan S. Solanki with the 'Energy Swaraj Yatra' Bus and Heads of Mechanical, Civil and Electrical Engineering and faculty members from NMIT

A Solar Energy Awareness campaign was conducted at Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology, Yelahanka recerntly during which, Dr. Chetan S. Solanki, Professor from IIT, Bombay and Brand Ambassador of Solar Energy, Government of Madhya Pradesh, popularly known as 'Solar Man of India', brought his 'Energy Swaraj' Yatra Bus to the campus of NMIT to demonstrate the technical infrastructure for the usage of solar energy. aProf. N.R. Shetty, Chancellor, Central University of Karnataka and other dignitaries presided over the campaign drive.

ISBR Group Awards 17 Gold Medals & 28 GEMS During Annual Convocation

The ISBR Group of Institutions held its Convocation recently when 364 students were awarded their graduate, post graduate and doctoral degrees. Seventeen gold medals were awarded to outstanding students. The highlight was the 28 GEMS awarded to 28 selected students who had gone beyond the academic rigour to leave a stamp on the social sphere. "The GEM Award is for students who have made a mark in society through their work which is beyond academic achievements," stated Dr Manish Kothari, MD, ISBR Group of Institutions.

Benny Dayal, Lost stories to hit Element 7 at KGI on April 29 & 30

Krupanidhi Group of Institutions' annual cultural fest, Element7, which was launched on April 1, 2022 at the Carmelaram Campus, will organise its main events on April 29th and 30th, 2022 at KGI, Bengaluru. The launch ceremony took place under the guidance and mentorship of Dr. Samuel Paul Isaac, Director, KGI, who inaugurated the event by introducing students to the guests. Around 2000 students were present for the launch, witnessing a bikers rally followed by a flash mob by from various departments including Pharmacy, Nursing, MBA, PU, Degree, PGDM, and Physiotherapy.

Dignitaries present during the launch included Dr. Suresh Nagpal, chairperson, Geeta Nagpal, Vice chairperson, Akash Nagpal and Neha Nagpal, Executive Directors along with deans, principals and staff members.

The main event will include various competitions such as dance, singing, mime, fashion-show, beat boxing and DJ Night. The highlight of the fest will be a live concert by playback singer and music revolutionist, Benny Dayal. The event will also witness performances from DJs Lost Stories and DJ Rhea. For passes, further query or details of the event, contact Pritikant Jana: 8884781268.

EDITORIAL

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— Ramnath Goenka

WITH BIG CABINET SHAKE-UP, JAGAN TAKES A CALCULATED RISK

Almost three years after coming to power, Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy has finally 'reconstituted' his Cabinet—something that he had announced at the time of assuming charge. But as critics point out, reconstitution may be a misnomer. It was surely a big shake-up, for he has replaced as many as 14 ministers and retained 11. Nonetheless, it was contrary to the earlier understanding that he would have a completely new Cabinet. In keeping with his policy of social engineering, the YSRC chief's new team has 17 members (or 70%) from BC, SC, ST and minorities, up from 14.

This political empowerment, Jagan believes, will consolidate the party among the numerically strong BCs, and the marginalised SCs and STs. They had voted for him overwhelmingly in the last elections and it is not a surprise that he has left no stone unturned to endear himself to them yet again. However, the reshuffle has left many in the party fuming with some even breaking down in front of cameras. A few among the dropped ministers too made their displeasure known. Well, this would be the case with any other party but Jagan being Jagan, questions have rightly been raised about his hold on the YSRC. What prompted him to retain 11 members? Evidently, political compulsions and pragmatic problems of governance. He ought to have foreseen that changing the Cabinet lock, stock and barrel is easier said than done. Though dissidence has fizzled out, the simmering discontent is unlikely to cool down any time soon and with elections a couple of years away, it will be a challenge for Jagan to keep the flock together. A party rejig is now on the cards and he will have to mollify the disappointed lot by entrusting them with important positions.

A large-scale Cabinet reshuffle, that too late in the day, is never a good idea as it disrupts governance. Newly inducted ministers hardly get time to settle down before election fever sets in. With the opposition likely to band together and welfare schemes becoming increasingly unsustainable, Jagan has taken a calculated risk. Now, he needs to keep the focus firmly on governance.

REGULATOR'S STRONG MESSAGE TO TELCOS

The growing concern over increasing dominance of a couple of players may have finally received the attention of India's telecom regulator. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has recently made a proposal to allow large enterprises to obtain spectrum directly from the government to set up their own captive wireless private networks. While this does not necessarily stop telecom service providers from providing networks to large corporates, the telecom regulator has given an additional option to companies to directly fetch spectrum from the government. This is a big jolt to the telecom service providers who say 40% of their revenue comes from enterprises. The proposal may not wean all large corporates away from telecom service providers, but it certainly will be a big setback for telcos who have been benefiting from this rent-seeking arrangement.

The telecom industry has seen a slow death of competition over the years with players like Tata Telecom and Reliance Telecom bowing out of the sector. It has become a virtual duopoly between Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel. While Vodafone Idea is also there, it is fast losing its customers to the other two. High spectrum prices have created huge entry barriers for new players in the sector, limiting the options for subscribers. While data prices have come down sharply for customers, the quality of voice calls have fallen over the years. The services are also gradually getting expensive after all the three telecom companies decided to increase fees across post- and pre-paid services. The government and the regulator needed to address the growing concern over shrinking service options for subscribers.

Amidst such concerns, the government's decision to revive public sector BSNL and MTNL was a welcome move. In the Budget this year, the government announced it would infuse ₹45,000 crore in BSNL in 2022–23. The latest proposal to allow large corporates to buy spectrum directly from the government may not be a done deal as yet, but it certainly sends a strong message to the telecom service providers that their wings may get clipped.

Some factionalism appears to have entered into the otherwise tradition-bound Pakistan Army. General Bajwa is likely to be one of the biggest losers of this entire game

THE CHALLENGES THAT A POST-IMRAN PAKISTAN FACES

LT GEN SYED ATA HASNAIN (RETD)

Former Commander, Srinagar-based 15 Corps. Now Chancellor, Central University of Kashmir

Pakistan never ceases to draw attention, even when there are serious geopolitical and geostrategic issues that beset the world. The last days of the Imran Khan government provided a political drama almost as interesting as the one that was played out in Washington during the transition between the US administrations in January 2021. Imran had been in office for over 40 months as prime minister in Pakistan. However, he lost the favour of the kingmakers, the Pakistan Army, who managed to rustle up opposition unity to bring a motion of no-confidence against him in the National Assembly. The entire drama was played out in the political environment of Pakistan for over 10 days in which Imran tried his best to avoid a vote, quoting among other things a conspiracy against the country by an external hand with the finger pointing at the US. Eventually he was voted out, even as a last-ditch attempt to divide the Army failed. So where does that leave Islamabad as far as its external and internal challenges are concerned, especially in a world where the geopolitical order is witnessing rapid change and Pakistan's economy is near collapse, a virtual replay of Sri Lanka?

If internal order is expected in Pakistan as a result of Imran's departure, we have to think many times over. There is speculation that the Pakistan Army acted against the run of play, that Imran was actually extremely popular with the public. His defiance of the Army is perceived by some to have added to his popularity. The truth is not important here; it is perception that rules. With general elections due in about 18 months, Imran's efforts to play down the other mainstream parties are going to double. He is out of favour with the Pakistan Army and will attempt to create as much embarrassment as he can for the establishment based upon perception of his own popularity. He is the originator of the famous bandhs that often paralyse the national capital and is likely to create challenges involving internal turbulence for the new PM. If the new government was a monolith rather than a coalition, it would have had the capability to deal with this strongly. The degree of cooperation and coordination of a coalition government is contingent upon considerable give and take. The Pakistan People's Party (PPP) is the junior partner of the Pakistan Muslim League–Nawaz (PML-N) but as election time approaches, its wings too will soar. Political contestation of the Pakistan variety isn't very conducive to meeting the challenges of a failing economy. The Pakistani Rupee is likely to fall to PKR 200 to a US $ in the next couple of weeks unless some tough decisions are taken to infuse political and thereby economic confidence in the country's ability to self-administer.

On the face of it, the Pakistan Army has taken a laissez-faire attitude right through the political turbulence of the last few days. That is not really true. In fact, the trigger for the campaign for Imran's ouster came through the context of the change of the DG ISI. Lt Gen Faiz Hameed, the former incumbent in that appointment, was posted to command Pakistan Army 11 Corps in Peshawar. Gen Hameed had ambitions probably far beyond his seniority level and was reluctant to be relieved from the all-powerful appointment that was keeping him close to the PM. It is not yet confirmed what role he really played in giving Imran the confidence to take on General Qamar Bajwa, the longstanding Army chief who is reportedly seeking a second extension in October 2022. Yet, some factionalism appears to have entered into the otherwise disciplined and tradition-bound Pakistan Army. If this be so, General Bajwa's ability to build the required pressure on the new PM may be questionable unless some kind of quid pro quo is arranged in terms of support for Shehbaz Sharif in the next election. But with factionalism rife and many Pakistani Generals seething at being deprived of the opportunity to be considered for four-star rank, General Bajwa may not be able to play 'extension politics' this time. He is likely to be one of the biggest losers of this entire game and will probably have to shoulder the blame for allowing the Imran shenanigans to play out without any proactive action to curb him. While Bajwa's stand will be to project that he was allowing democracy to have its way, he could have shown the Pakistan Army to be in greater control—that is more for the Army's internal image.

Among Imran's possible ploys to remain the spoiler-in-chief will be the possibility of enhancing acrimony against India and then acting as the great nationalist leader who could recover the situation to Pakistan's advantage. With him being in cahoots with several radical organisations and even elements within the Army, sponsoring an action in J&K could always be possible. Pakistan's internal politics impacting the proxy war in J&K in different ways has always existed.

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In terms of foreign policy, Shehbaz Sharif, backed by Bajwa, will go the extra mile to recover the relationship with the US that Imran had upset at a sensitive time. Islamabad needs US support to recover economically, whatever be the status of Sino-Pak ties. The fledgling Pakistan-Russia relationship, which was showing signs of warming after the US pulled out from Afghanistan, is going to be firmly placed on the back burner. Ironically, US-Pakistan relations could be on the mend just when some chinks in the America-India relationship seem to be appearing. It may yet be too early to read more into this because the US-India strategic partnership is based upon long-term and deep interests, and appears strong enough to withstand such aberrations. With the US torn between focusing on Europe or the Indo Pacific, it is definitely not going to be appreciative of any Pakistani efforts to resist dismantling of terror infrastructure and financial networks. The sentencing of Hafiz Saeed, the Jamat ud Dawa chief, to 31 years in prison by a lower court is a signal that Pakistan is bending over backwards to accommodate the US to escape any further strictures by the FATF. General Bajwa probably enjoys American backing since the Western nation is reportedly against any empowerment of Lt Gen Faiz Hameed, whose very publicised visit to meet the Taliban leadership soon after US withdrawal did not meet its approval.

There could always be the possibility of advancement of the general elections should the coalition partners feel confident of being able to win at the hustings. They would not wish to add anti-incumbency baggage by extending the government right till the end of the term.

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NEED FOR ASSURANCE, NOT INSURANCE, IN HEALTH

AMAR PATNAIK

BJD Rajya Sabha MP, ex-CAG bureaucrat with a PhD in management and now an advocate

In the Bandhua Mukti Morcha v. Union of India (1997), the Supreme Court held Right to Health as a part of the Constitution under Article 21 and ruled that this was to be interpreted as social security from disease and assistance in times of sickness.

India's public expenditure on health for years has been around 1% of the GDP. It ranks 170 among 189 countries in prioritising healthcare in the Budget as per the Economic Survey 2020–21. Further, 58.7% of total health spending is out-of-pocket expenditure. This is estimated to be a humongous ₹3,40,196 crore. An overburdened and fund-starved network of public health institutions and a small private sector, mostly in the tertiary area, further make healthcare inaccessible to large sections of society.

Insurance vs. assurance models, a comparative analysis: Around the globe, entitlements provided by Right to Health have evolved over time with models of health insurance and assurance being conceptualised on principles of single payer, multi payer, private players and nationalisation.

In India, the introduction of the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) hugely improved the access of those living below the poverty line to health insurance. Launched in 2008, the RSBY beneficiary with a biometric smart card could avail free in-patient care of up to ₹30,000. While the RSBY was applauded for this innovation in the sector, many challenges with the enrolment of beneficiaries, low uptake of services and no significant reduction in out-of-pocket expenditure along with inadequate coverage emerged. Later this was subsumed by the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY). PM-JAY's focus is on financial risk protection and combating high hospitalisation costs rather than universal access to healthcare and guaranteed state assurance of healthcare services. The 50 crore PM-JAY beneficiaries can receive cashless treatment up to ₹5 lakh per family now for 1,592 packages. This covers the cost of hospitalisation, treatment procedures along with just three days of 'before care' and 15 days of 'aftercare' as earlier in RSBY too. The out-patient costs continue to remain excluded. In its review, even the Standing Committee on Health (2018) held that PM-JAY would be an upgrade over RSBY if out-patient treatment was covered.

Three years since its launch, Delhi, West Bengal, and Odisha are still not on board with the Central scheme. While Delhi and West Bengal implement their separate state health insurance schemes, Odisha implements the Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY), a state assurance scheme. Treatments under BSKY cover both in-patient and out-patient services that can be availed cashless at all government hospitals and 208 private health institutions empanelled under the scheme by now. Any individual can walk into any government and empanelled hospital to claim healthcare services at no cost and without any cash exchange. This is a huge improvement over the Central scheme and even the earlier RSBY. Besides, women's health and reproductive rights have been prioritised with assured healthcare services up to ₹10 lakh health coverage per year, which is only ₹5 lakh under the Central scheme. Men have a coverage up to ₹5 lakh per year just as the Central scheme.

This flagship Universal Healthcare programme of Odisha has been designed with a distinct method of financing. Government hospitals directly receive allotments from the Budget according to the uptake of in-patient and out-patient services instead of empanelled hospitals being reimbursed later by an insurance agency or the state health authority as in case of PM-JAY. This upfront funding has allowed early purchase planning of necessary consumables and implants. Under PM-JAY, the reimbursement process with inter-state variations is marred by claim issues, fraud and delay. While the percentage of claims paid was found to be between 75–90% in many states in the year 2019–2020, it was abysmally low in Rajasthan (32%), Karnataka (49%) and Goa (1%). But the health financing of BSKY is empowering and assures hassle-free healthcare services free of cost for about 80% of the total population of Odisha, approximately 3.5 crore (out of 4.5 crore) covering 96.5 lakh families/households.

> The NITI Aayog in a recent report pointed out the limited coverage under Ayushman Bharat-PM-JAY and suggested inclusion of out-patient services. It commended Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana as "comprehensive" ... and said it "covers the missing middle". Odisha's model of assurance-based universal healthcare is one that all Indians deserve

Besides, PM-JAY is narrow as it includes only in-patient services such as hospitalisation and treatment-related free provision of medicines, tests, and diagnosis. Out-patient care, which is a large proportion of out-of-pocket health expenditure, is not covered. After the launch of BSKY in 2018, a 26% rise in out-patient services was noted the following year as beneficiaries availed them for free irrespective of their income, status or residence. The provision of complementary services such as free drugs, diagnostics and dialysis has massively broadened accessibility of the poor to public healthcare facilities. The recent introduction of smart health cards under the BSKY scheme is a true game-changer in the healthcare sector in the entire country. These smart health cards contain details of the beneficiary family to facilitate paperless and cashless transactions in Odisha. Thus, the BSKY scheme is much more encompassing as regards access, coverage, affordability and quality of healthcare compared to PM-JAY.

Although Odisha's allocation on health is above the national average with 6.4% of its total Budget expenditure, financing a universal healthcare scheme is a Herculean task for governments around the world. But the Odisha government, under the leadership of its low-profile CM Naveen Patnaik, has taken up this challenge despite its meagre resources. In 2023, BSKY could cost ₹6,000–₹8,000 crore. But this cost is very low when compared to loan waivers, NPA, etc. The NITI Aayog in a recent report also pointed towards the limited coverage under PM-JAY and suggested inclusion of out-patient services while commending the extensive coverage of the BSKY as "comprehensive... and covers the missing middle". Therefore, Odisha's model of assurance-based universal healthcare is, no doubt, inspirational and one that all Indians deserve.

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Ruling parties triumph

The results in West Bengal, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh show once again that the ruling parties/alliances end up winning bypolls. But at the same time, it is a warning for the BJP, which is in power in most of the northern states. It goes without saying that the losses are due to the non-stop hike in the cost of petrol, diesel and cooking gas, which has a telling impact on the common man. If the opposition parties, sinking their egos, unite—which of course is not that easy—the BJP will find it tough in the days to come.
Rajakumar Arulanandham, Palayamkottai

Rejuvenating Congress

This is with reference to *Prashant Kishor likely to join Congress, lead its 2024 poll strategy* (Apr 17). The poll strategist's attempt to transform the sagging fortunes of the Congress when many have written its obituary is commendable. However, the party is packed to the rafters with sycophants and the only thing it currently does is criticise the PM over every action. Let's hope the Congress is rejuvenated now.
Deepak Singhal, Noida

Political murders in Kerala

Murder is murder when one kills another, irrespective of motive, and identity of the murderer and murdered. When the motive is political, it affects public order and compromises rule of law. Kerala's two political killings within 24 hours in Palakkad reveals the curse the state is under. Murders are committed with gay abandon, rendering law a mere bystander.
Dr George Jacob, Kochi

Mobs and stone pelting

In the recent mob attack on a police station in Hubballi, many cops were injured and police vehicles damaged. It appears to be a planned attack. What was the intelligence department doing? In fact, the police have to carry out preventive detention of known unruly elements, especially ahead of Hindu festivals. Stone pelting should be curbed with an iron hand and strong punishment for culprits is needed.
Ramesh S K, Ballari

Misuse of institution

Nowadays disputes between Governors of opposition-ruled states and state governments are seen frequently, whether Telangana, WB or Maharashtra. When the BJP was in the opposition, it used to criticise the Congress for misuse of the institution of Governor. It is a classic example of shortage of memory.
B Raghunadha Rao, Hyderabad

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While our "mainstream media" was distracted by hijab, halal & azaan, labour force shrank by 3.8 million in March. Unemployment rose across sectors

Subramanian Swamy @Swamy39
If true, the people are owed an explanation about WHO allegation. Not true then India should walk out of WHO. Modi cannot ignore such a accusation

Mahua Moitra @MahuaMoitra
Lying and stalling data publication does not make truth go away. India official say Covid death is 5.2 lakhs - WHO estimate is 8 times this figure

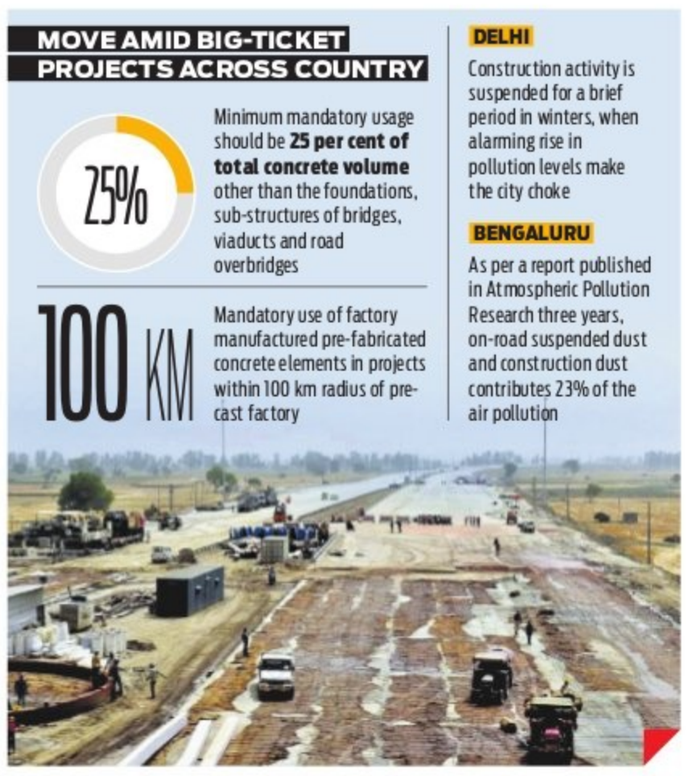
Centre makes 'concrete' push for green roads

25% pre-cast concrete mandatory in highway projects; aimed at checking dust pollution & expediting construction

MOVE AMID BIG-TICKET PROJECTS ACROSS COUNTRY

25% Minimum mandatory usage should be **25 per cent of total concrete volume** other than the foundations, sub-structures of bridges, viaducts and road overbridges

100 KM Mandatory use of factory manufactured pre-fabricated concrete elements in projects within 100 km radius of pre-cast factory



DELHI
Construction activity is suspended for a brief period in winters, when alarming rise in pollution levels make the city choke

BENGALURU
As per a report published in Atmospheric Pollution Research three years, on-road suspended dust and construction dust contributes 23% of the air pollution

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

IN specific construction projects, it will be henceforth mandatory to use pre-cast concrete elements in at least 25 per cent of the total concrete volume, other than the foundation work. The latest policy decision by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) is aimed at reduction of pollution at construction sites, besides rapid completion of work and improved aesthetics.

The use has been mandated in construction of national highways, expressways and other centrally-sponsored road projects. According to a circular issued by the ministry in this regard, the minimum mandatory usage should be 25 per cent of total concrete volume other than the foundations, sub-structures of bridges, viaducts and road overbridges.

Factory-manufactured pre-cast concrete has benefits such as enabling all-weather and fast construction, reliable quality, enhanced performance durability, better aesthetics due to uniformity in appearance. Besides, there is less carbon emission and reduced noise and air pollution due to less on-site construction activities, said the circular. The decision, when implemented, will also play an integral role in accelerating the growth of the MSME sector, the circular stated.

Standardisation is the key to promote the use of pre-cast concrete elements to take advantage of volumes and repetitive use of molds. Therefore, It is beneficial to keep the spans or sizes of different structures as uniform as possible

MoRTH circular

With big-ticket infrastructure projects being undertaken across the country, pollution caused by construction dust remains a major concern of policy makers, urban planners and environmental experts. In fact, construction activity in Delhi is suspended for a brief period in winters, when alarming rise in pollution levels make the national capital choke.

Apart from pollution concerns, the government has also been looking at fast completion of projects. This is another factor behind pushing for pre-fabricated concrete elements.

The MoRTH note has been shared with chief secretaries of states and UTs and officials of National Highways Authority of India, National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited, Border Road Organisation and public work departments of states and UTs for compliance.

To ensure effective implementation of the decision, the ministry will make provisions in contract and concession agreement documents for inclusion of mandatory use of factory manufactured pre-fabricated concrete elements in projects within 100 km radius of pre-cast factory.

POWER GAMES

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ENTRY BAN

US DEPORTS INDIAN TYCOON'S DAUGHTER

A real estate tycoon's daughter was last week deported from San Francisco. Her visa has been revoked and a five-year ban on travel to the US imposed on her. She is a prominent personality in Lutyens Delhi's glitterati circle, and holds shares in her father's company of which she was once a whole-time director. The US action came after she was found to be carrying a few strips of Zolfresh and Tramadol without medical prescription. These drugs are Schedule-4 controlled substances in the US and could not be carried or consumed without proper medical prescription. Zolfresh is generally used by travellers to overcome jet lag. It is a sleeping pill which is also used as a nerve-calmer. Tramadol is a pain reliever. It is not unusual for travelers to carry these drugs. Her attorneys feel the action taken by US authorities against her is disproportionate as she was taking the medicine under prescription and her only fault was that she did not carry the prescription. They are preparing an appeal against the decision.

FLIGHT OF FUNDS

HIGH US INFLATION SPOOKS INDIAN MARKET MANAGERS

Inflation in the US has climbed to a 40-year high. This is giving sleepless nights to regulators of India's capital markets and managers of its foreign reserves. The annual rate of inflation in the US accelerated to 8.5% in March 2022, highest since 1981. This has triggered talks of a biggish interest rate hike by the US Federal Reserve in order to restrict flow of cash into the economy, and check inflation. The rate cut would channel money into bonds. With higher US rates, there is a fear of portfolio investors pulling out from risky markets around the world and investing in US bonds. The Indian stock market has already had a $15-billion drop in foreign investments in the last one year, which was bigger than withdrawals during the 2008 crisis. The Indian stock market has been kept afloat by local investors whose number has reached over nine crores. Financial assets have been the choice of a new class of Indian investor. But the bombing of tech stocks such as Paytm, Zomato, etc. post blockbuster IPOs is sure to make the new investor wary. Regulators are nervously hoping that local buying would shore up the market when foreign capital starts moving back into the bond market.

TECH TROUBLE

CRYPTOS SENDS BABUS BACK TO SCHOOL

The Union government's decision to tax digital assets, and track hawala transactions and money laundering using these assets has brought a huge responsibility on the shoulders of income tax authorities. Even babus who were considered experts in unearthing hidden incomes and black money are racking their brains over the complexities of blockchain transactions. Hawala traders are using highly sophisticated ways to carry out transactions using virtual assets. Taxmen have learnt that digital assets are the new tools used by money launderers to send money to tax havens. Their modus operandi has not been cracked yet. Babus who are trained to handle the latest information technology tools are finding themselves on a new learning curve. Taxmen who were earlier seen poring over fat files trying to extract maximum possible revenue for the government are now seen spending much more time on computers trying to crack new tricks of the trade.

Army brass to discuss impact of Ukraine war on defence plans

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE Indian Army is set to brainstorm the implications of the protracted conflict between Russia and Ukraine on India's defence plans.

The subject will be discussed elaborately at the Army Commanders' Conference scheduled from April 18-22 at New Delhi. Apart from Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, senior commanders of the army are expected to attend the conference.

In a statement on Sunday, the Army said its senior leadership will "review the operational situation along active borders, assess threats in the entire spectrum of conflict and undertake analysis of capability voids to further focus on capability development and operational preparedness plans".

"Discussions on aspects pertaining to infrastructure development in border areas, modernisation through indigenisation, induction of niche tech and assessment on any impact of the Russia-Ukraine war are also scheduled," the statement said.

As reported by this newspaper on Sunday the threat of delays in obtaining the spares for the systems and equipment of Russian origin looms large. Around 70 per cent of the Indian armed forces' inventory is of Russian origin. Thus, it is incumbent upon the top national defence hierarchy to mull over the situation.

The Army Commanders' Conference is an apex level biannual event which is held in April and October every year. The conference is an institutional platform for conceptual level deliberations, culminating in making important policy decisions for the Indian Army.

"Various agenda points sponsored by regional commands will be deliberated upon by the senior commanders apart from proposals concerning improving works, financial management, introducing e-vehicles, and digitisation in the Indian Army. As part of the conference, Boards of Governors meetings of the Army Welfare Education Society (AWES) and Army Group Insurance Fund (AGIF) will be organised," the statement said.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is expected to interact with the senior commanders and address the conference on April 21. Among other things, the conference is also a formal forum for senior army leadership to interact with senior functionaries of the Department of Military Affairs and the Department of Defence.

The commanders are also set to delve into infrastructure development along the LAC. India has been ramping up infrastructure development in the border regions.

ASANSOL DEFEAT

Bengal bypolls: Shah to meet leaders over debacle

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

UPSET with the party's poor show in Asansol, Union Home Minister Amit Shah will meet party functionaries both in north and south Bengal.

BJP insiders said Shah was unhappy with the defeat in the Asansol Lok Sabha seat, which was earlier with the party for two previous consecutive terms, and the party candidate's losing security deposit in Ballygunge.

With the defeat in the coal belt, the BJP's number of MPs from Bengal has come down to 17 in the Lok Sabha. Worse, the BJP is seeing discontent among its state organisation, with two BJP MLAs announcing on Sunday their decision to step down from party hierarchy.

Shah, who was to visit Bengal this month, will now reach the state in the first week of May. "Though his programme schedules are yet to be finalised, we are told that Shah will meet the leadership of the party's nine organisational districts in north Bengal. He is likely to return to Kolkata the same day and meet the leaders from south Bengal in Salt Lake," said a senior leader.

Sources said the central leadership has instructed the Bengal unit to prepare a report pinpointing the reasons for the disastrous performance in the bypolls. "The findings will be discussed in the meetings with Shah. The party's organisational pitfalls will also get top priority in the meetings," said the leader.

On Sunday, Murshidabad MLA Gaurishankar Ghosh resigned from the post of BJP state secretary and Behrampur MLA Kanchan Moitra announced his decision to step down from the state committee. Both the leaders alleged that incompetent leaders were being given priority in the party. The duo said the lack of experience of the state leadership led to the poor electoral show.

CENTRAL REPORT

Wheat grain shrivelled up to 20% in Punjab

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

WHEAT grain across Punjab has shrivelled by 10 to 20 per cent, the central teams that were in the state to assess the extent of the problem have said in their report submitted to the Union government.

The central teams had taken samples from *mandis* across the state and got them lab-tested, which confirmed the problem of shrivelling of grain because of early onset of heat wave this year.

The Centre will now take a call on relaxing procurement norms for wheat farmers from Punjab. Grains shrivelled up to a maximum of six per cent are allowed for procurement, as per the central government's specifications.

Highly placed sources in the Food Corporation of India and Punjab government said five central teams visited various grain markets in all the districts and took 20 samples which were sent to labs within the state. "In some districts, the grain has shrivelled by 10 per while in a few others districts, it's more than 20 per cent," said a senior official.

Farmers in the state have sought compensation from the central and the state governments saying they are staring at huge losses.

Meanwhile, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann exhorted farmers to go for diversification of crops.

'Appeasement' reason for communal clashes: BJP

NEW DELHI: A day after Congress president Sonia Gandhi and leaders of 13 opposition parties issued a joint statement against the communal clashed happening in various parts of the country, the BJP on Sunday said the "ideology of appeasement" pursued over the last 70 years is responsible for the communal riots across the country.

Taking on opposition leaders over their joint statement, BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra said this "selective politics" of opposition is harmful for the country.

Addressing a press conference at the BJP headquarters here, Patra said the clashes in the north-west Delhi locality on Saturday night are under investigation and all should wait for the outcome.

"But, at the same time, we would like to say that a joint statement was issued by Sonia Gandhi along with other opposition leaders yesterday. This selective politics of some opposition leaders is not appropriate for the country, it is harmful for the country," he said.

"Sonia Gandhi in this letter talked about the ideology today, question arises which ideology leads to such riots in the country. There is only one ideology from the last seventy years, and its name is ideology of appeasement," Patra said, adding "this policy and politics of appeasement" is very unfortunate. *ENS*

Congress veterans divided over PK's entry

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

EVEN before Congress leadership sealing the entry of poll strategist Prashant Kishor, veteran leaders in the grand old party seem to be divided over the pros and cons of the move.

There is a group in the party which strongly backs PK's entry while another group is totally against the idea. Some veterans fear that Kishor's role as party's key strategist will spell more troubles for Congress which is already riddled with infighting.

After PK's Saturday meeting with Gandhis and top leadership, several party leaders were "concerned" over the strategist's condition that he should be given a freehand on the organisation revamp starting from block unit to top, system of ticket distribution, communication strategy, alliances with regional players and fundraising.

"Everyone has given time and energy and efforts for the last several decades to build the party. How can, on one fine day, a decision be taken to hand over the 135-year-old organisation to a poll strategist and his team? There has to be some thinking and the party can start with one department to implement his idea and see if it works," said a former Union minister.

Another senior leader said that during previous meetings with Kishor, there were similar discussions, but things didn't work out because "he was looking to play a role similar to the one played by late Ahmed Patel".

During his stint as political secretary to Congress president Sonia Gandhi, Patel, who was known as a troubleshooter, was considered a part of the party's power centre.

"He can't dictate terms in the party and there has to be some mechanism before any deal is struck with him. He can only do some data jugglery and strategy but nothing beyond it. The ground presence and connection with people is the key to winning elections and that has to be done by the party leadership and workers," said the leader.

A leader of the G23 group said everyone knew what ailed the party and several leaders had written and told the leadership about it. "It is like we know the problem but trust outsiders. We are ready to pay huge money to them (PK's team) to revive the party while we don't understand the core problem. My worry is that this could cause massive damage," he said.

The party is scheduled to hold a *chintan shivir* soon to have a free-wheeling discussion on the matter.

ONLY WASNIK FROM G23 INVITED FOR MEET

With none of the G23 leaders but Mukul Wasnik called for the meeting with Kishor, a leader of the G23 group was of the opinion that everyone knew what ailed the party.

AERO-MODELS

This railway official gives wings to his dreams

Once the aero model is ready, Bansal will take it to a nearby field where he can watch his creation taking off to the sky

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

WHAT does a railway official and aircraft have in common? Ask **Gaurav Krishna Bansal**, and he would show a collection of radio-controlled aero-models, which he has given wings to in the last 17 years.

A senior officer with the Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS), Bansal humbly says he is not an engineer. But background rarely matters when one is driven by passion.

It all started in 2005 when Bansal was posted in Lucknow. "I made the first aero model with materials collected from local markets. If my memory is correct, I spent around ₹3,000 for making it," Bansal says.

Whenever he finds leisure time after work, Bansal has been busying himself as an 'aircraft designer'. "It takes at least 12-15 days to complete the design and convert it into a working model," he says.

Once the model is ready, Bansal will take it to a nearby field where he can watch his creation taking off to the sky. "When it flies, I feel our country is also soaring in success," Bansal says.

A casual visit to his official residence in Delhi will transport the visitor to a world of flying machines. Around 25 aero models, each of them imagined and designed by Bansal, is on display here.

Wherever he gets posting, Bansal says, he takes his 'winged machines' along. "I carry along this collection as it is my life's most precious possession. Every month, I have been keeping aside a part of my salary for funding my hobby," he says, adding that engineering students often visit him.

Currently posted as executive director (information and publicity) in the Ministry of Railways in the national capital, Bansal is also a poet. "I feel I have the tender heart of a poet and the technical imagination of an aero-scientist. This helps me explore both paths," he says.

MAN-EATER

A seven-year-old boy was killed by a man-eating leopard in Bhilangana block of Tehri district in Uttarakhand. The incident occurred late Saturday night in Akhori village sending a panic wave among residents

33K PILGRIMS REGISTERED FOR AMARNATH SHRINE VISIT SO FAR

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	44	28	Mumbai	31	27
Bhopal	42	27	Panaji	31	26
Jaipur	40	28	Patna	41	26
Amritsar	40	23	Lucknow	43	28
Chennai	36	30	Port Blair	33	24
Kolkata	34	28	Imphal	30	17
Srinagar	28	10	Chandigarh	47	27

Former Assam Cong chief joins TMC

In his resignation letter, Ripun Bora claims Congress leaders have understanding with BJP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi/Guwahati

IN yet another blow to the Congress leadership which is looking to revive the organisation, its former Assam state chief Ripun Bora quit the party and joined the Trinamool Congress on Sunday.

The former Rajya Sabha member joined a growing list of Congress leaders, including RPN Singh, Ashok Tanwar, Jitin Prasada among others, who have shifted their allegiance to other parties. Bora's colleague Sushmita Dev had joined the TMC and is now a Rajya Sabha MP.

The 66-year-old leader recently lost the Rajya Sabha election from Assam, after some Congress MLAs cross-voted resulting in the BJP's win in both the seats. Citing reasons for his exit, Bora said the Congress leaders were fighting among one another for vested interests at a time when the "communal" and "divisive" BJP was a serious threat to democracy, Constitution, secularism and economy of the country. This, he said, gave the BJP ample advantages to grow in every nook and corner of the country and demoralise millions of Congress workers.

Bora joined the TMC in Kolkata in the presence of Trinamool national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee.

In his resignation letter to Sonia Gandhi, Bora claimed the Congress stood as a divided party. "A section of senior Congress leaders in Assam is maintaining a secret understanding with the BJP government, particularly the CM (Himanta Biswa Sarma), instead of fighting the BJP. In this backdrop, my conscience does not allow me to continue in the Congress where party's ideology and interests are compromised in favour of the BJP."

The Congress in Assam viewed Bora's departure as betrayal and asserted that he was given all opportunities. "The party was all along with him and had appointed him as its state president. Despite having efficient candidates, the party had rewarded him by nominating him in the Rajya Sabha election for the second straight time," Congress spokesperson Apurba Bhattacharya said, adding that Bora's defection would not affect the party.

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Ripun Bora with TMC's Abhishek Banerjee in Kolkata | PTI

POLL BUGLE

Modi on 3-day Gujarat tour from today

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be in his home state Gujarat for a three-day visit from today.

Modi tweeted that would attend the Adijati Maha Sammelan in Dahod and inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of development projects worth around ₹22,000 crore.

He is also scheduled to lay the foundation stone of WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine in Jamnagar as well as inaugurate the Global AYUSH Investment and Innovation Summit at Gandhinagar.

The visit comes at a time when Gujarat is gearing up for elections. While the BJP has been in power in the state since 1995, it is taking no chances.

"Upon reaching Gujarat, I will visit the Vidya Samiksha Kendra. This modern centre leverages data and technology in order to improve learning outcomes. I will also interact with those who are working in the education sector," Modi tweeted. *ENS*

Naresh Patel meets Hardik, focus on his next move in Gujarat

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

Hardik Patel

Naresh Patel

KHODALDHAM trustee Naresh Patel held a closed door meeting with Congress working president Hardik Patel in Rajkot on Saturday, triggering a speculation that he would be joining the opposition party in Gujarat.

Though Congress insiders confirmed that Naresh Patel, the influential Patidar leader from Saurashtra, had called Hardik, they could not confirm what transpired between the two leaders in the three-hour meeting that started about 8 pm. Sources close to Hardik claimed that he left for Delhi on Sunday after receiving a call from the Congress top brass.

A trailblazer from the Patidar community, Hardik has been expressing dissent over the Congress favouring Naresh Patel's entry into the party. Hardik is pulling out all the stops in order to consolidate his position within the party as well as Patidar politics. The Congress working president has also claimed that he has been "sidelined and harassed" in the party.

The AAP had then tried to fish in the troubled waters by saying it party would welcome Hardik with open arms.

On Sunday, Leader of Opposition Sukhram Rathva sought to downplay the anger vented by his young colleague. "Hardik Patel is a sensible man. He is young... Hardik will stay with the Congress," said.

TWO MORE 'WRONGLY' BOOKED IN MP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

AFTER booking three men, who have been lodged in jail for over a month, in connection with the Khargone communal violence that took place during Ram Navami procession on April 10, the Madhya Pradesh Police has been accused of wrongly slapping cases against two more persons.

While the family of Farid, who has been booked in connection with the violence in Khargone's Sanjay Nagar area, claimed he was in hospital on the day the riots took place, Azam's wife insisted he was not in town.

Farid has been named in two cases of rioting registered at the Khargone police station on April 11 and 12, while Azam is a co-accused in the First Information Report (FIR) lodged on April 12.

Farid's sister-in-law Anjum Bi claimed he was in district hospital's Orthopaedic Trauma Ward from April 9 to April 11 after being injured due to a fall. "How can he commit a crime when he was in hospital? He has been untraceable since being discharged from the hospital on April 11. His phone is switched off. During the 2015 communal violence also, our kin were wrongly named in the FIR," she alleged.

Farid's brother Rafiq (Anjum Bi's husband) and father Subaan are also among the 11 named in the FIR lodged on April 11.

Azam, a loading vehicle driver, was not in Khargone when the violence took place, his wife Farida claimed. "He had left on April 8 with bakery products for Karnataka. On April 14, he called up from Indore and said he had been falsely named in the FIR. Since then, we don't know where he is and are worried about his safety," Farida said.

When questioned, Ankit Jaiswal, commandant of Madhya Pradesh Police's Special Armed Force 25th Battalion, mantained that all the FIRs have been lodged on the complaints of the victims. "If the allegations of these people are found true, corrective action will be taken during investigations," he said.

MALWA-NIMAR REGION'S FAULT LINES

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

THE recent communal violence in Madhya Pradesh's Khargone and Sendhwa towns is not the lone instance of communal flare-up in the recent years. Overall, the Malwa-Nimar region, which houses the two towns, has reported 12-15 communal incidents over the last two years.

Considered the most affluent as well as the communally most sensitive region of MP, the Malwa-Nimar region has 66 of the total 230 Assembly seats. It is a stronghold of the RSS-BJP as well as the prime base of the banned SIMI faction led by Safar Nagori, who is behind bars.

Some of the incidents of communal tension, violence include the stone-pelting on the BJYM's procession in Ujjain district on December 25, 2020. It was triggered over the raising of provocative slogans.

Four days later, communal violence happened in Chandan Khedi village of Indore district following the attack on a Ram Temple construction donation procession. Twenty-five arrests were made, mostly from the minority community. Twelve houses were also razed down. Similarly, another Ram Temple construction donation collection procession also resulted in a similar case of stone-pelting and violence.

In September 2021, there was a communal tension in Indore's minority community dominated Bombay Bazar area over the issue of *burqa-hijab*. A few days later, a Muslim bangle seller from UP, was attacked for allegedly molesting a minor.

The importance of Malwa-Nimar region cannot be overlooked given that the party winning this part of MP goes on to form the government. In 2013, the BJP's 57 out of the 165 total seats came from this region. The Congress got only 9 seats. Five years on, it made a stellar comeback winning 36 seats from this region, while BJP ended with 27 seats. Three remaining seats were won by the Congress rebels, who played a key role in formation of the Kamal Nath government in the state.

Seer seeks ban on non-Hindus' entry at Char Dhams

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Dehradun

CONTROVERSIAL seer **Swami Anand Swaroop** has written to Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami to ban the entry of non-Hindus at the Char Dhams of Kedarnath, Badrinath, Gangotri and Yamunotri.

Swaroop also drew Dhami's attention to the 'increasing footprints' of non-Hindu population in the state.

"Devbhoomi has been the land of Gods and sages where *rishis* (sages) have been doing penance since time immemorial. Uttarakhand is spiritually, culturally very important to Hindus. Non-Hindus have entered the state in big numbers and now live in the state and do business. They are also indulging in various crimes," he wrote.

Swaroop was in the news as he was among the dignitaries who attended the controversial Haridwar Dharam Sansad in December. He was one of the organisers of Dharam Sansad as well as convenor of the Dharam Sansad core committee.

Meanwhile, the seer has found support from a section of the people. ''Non-Hindus shouldn't be allowed to enter the Kedarnath and other shrines as well. The priest association of Kedarnath will issue a statement in this regard soon,'' said Vinod Shukla, president of Kedar Sabha from Kedarnath

Like Shukla, Umanand Sati, President of Brahmakapal Teerthpurohit, Badrinath, claimed the shrines are specifically for Hindus. ''No one else from any religion must be allowed to conduct any non-Hindu ritual in these shrines.''

Government spokesperson and officials refused to comment on the issue.

The Char Dhams are of special significance to the Hindus. It is believed that pilgrimages to these shrines help in achieving *moksha* (salvation). Lakhs of pilgrims reach the four shrines every year when they are opened for public.

Narsinghanand at it again

Dehradun: Yati Narsinghanand, who is out on bail in the Haridwar hate speech case, has delivered yet another hate speech at a 'religious' conclave in Himachal Pradesh's Una. This act violates the conditions set for his release on bail. The organisers of the conclave allegedly appealed to the Hindus to pick up arms for targeted killings of Muslims. Narsinghanand had got bail on February 18 after he was arrested in January. The controversial seer was again in the news for making controversial call at Burari in Delhi.

STATE ROUND-UP

MAHARASHTRA

Union minister's appeal to corporates

Mumbai: Union Minister Anurag Thakur urged corporate houses and film industry to encourage local artisans by sourcing their anniversary and festival gifts from Hunar Haat, an initiative that seeks to strengthen the idea of self-reliant India. Inaugurating the 40th edition of Hunar Haat on Sunday, Thakur said more than 1,000 craftsmen and artisans from across the country have showcased their unique products, with some even giving a live demonstration of creating indigenous products.

BIHAR

'RJD will give representations to all sections'

Patna: Leader of Opposition Tejashwi Prasad Yadav said the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) would give representation to all sections of the society for making an all-inclusive party in real sense. The Bochaha bypoll victory has put more responsibility upon the leadership of the party, he said. "We have respect for all and give them due representation to achieve the goal. We will leave no stone unturned to come to the expectations of people, who put their faith on our leadership," Tejashwi added.

Locals are friendly and supportive, feel secure, say migrants in Kashmir

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

NOTWITHSTANDING the targeted attacks by militants, workers hailing from other states vouch for the hospitality of locals which they say make them feel secure in Kashmir.

Mangal Singh, a carpenter from Punjab, said he has been coming to Srinagar for the last 20 years. "In all these years, I did not confront any problem or any issue. People give proper respect. There has never been any occasion when I felt any hatred from them," he said.

Another migrant from Punjab, Mohan Singh said he has been living alone for more than a decade in Pulwama. "I have been working here from last 12-13 years. I never faced any problem. In fact, everybody here is friendly. I live alone and feel secure. I never felt scared," said the merchant from Gurdaspur who runs a cloth shop at Rajpora Chowk.

The Kashmir Valley has seen a series of attacks on migrant workers this month. Two migrant workers from Punjab and as many from Bihar were shot at and injured by militants at Pulwama in south Kashmir. Security agencies have stepped up patrolling in the areas where the migrant workers reside and go for work. Night patrolling has been started in these areas to thwart militant attacks.

A domestic helper, Sujata from Bihar also said she never faced threat in her nine years in Pulwama. "People are very welcoming. I never faced any problem. In fact, locals have been very helpful," she said.

Mohammad Ishfaq from Uttar Pradesh said he has been working at Chandigam in Pulwama for the last six-seven years. "I never faced any threat during these years. I feel safe and secure here. With hard work, I am able to provide decent lives to my family." The construction worker said that he roams around freely and that everybody knows him from Chandgam to Pulwama. "Locals always lend us a helping hand. They provide us ration and other items whenever we are in need of essentials."

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DEHRADUN DIARY

BJP, Cong wary over independent MLA's moves

With journalist Umesh Kumar, who won the Uttarakhand Assembly election from Khanpur seat of Haridwar district, launching a political party earlier this month, the ruling BJP and opposition Congress are said to be wary. Kumar won from Khanpur as an independent candidate by defeating the wife of incumbent MLA Pranab Kuwar Singh 'Champion'. 'Champion' is a controversial legislator who was with the Congress earlier but later joined the BJP in March 2016. The leaders of both national parties are closely watching every move of Kumar and how he plans to expand his 'Uttarakhand Janta Party'. Meanwhile, Kumar has given the dissenting faction of Congress MLAs an offer to join his party.

Monthly delivery of pensions soon

The Uttarakhand government is planning to transfer social security pension on a monthly basis instead of every three months to senior citizens, widows and specially abled beneficiaries in the state. L Fanai, principal secretary, social welfare department, said: "The move will benefit more than 6.5 lakh people across the state. The decision is to deliver pensions on a monthly basis. Soon the new system will start working." Senior citizens get ₹1,400 per month while specially abled people and windows get ₹1,200 per month. In December 2019, the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India in its report had pointed out irregularities of over ₹20 crore in the state's pension system.

In Rajasthan, two BJP rival MPs clash over reservations for tribals

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

CAPABLE people should give up reservation benefits while the same should only be utilised by poor and deprived sections, said BJP MP from Dausa Jaskaur Meena.

"Since I am an MP, I did not allow my children to take advantage of reservation. Capable people like me should stop taking benefits of reservation," said Jaskaur Meena in a surprising statement.

The comments have drawn strong disagreement from BJP's Rajya Sabha MP Kirodi Lal Meena, who is upset over this statement. In a sharp reaction to Jaskaur's statement, Kirodi Lal Meena advised her to first resign from the Lok Sabha seat she holds as an ST leader before making tall claims.

On this, BJP Rajya Sabha member Kirodi Lal Meena, while talking to the media on Saturday, said, "If Jaskaur is leaving reservations, then she should first resign from the membership of the Parliament. If she (Jaskaur) is not taking advantage of reservations, then why did she contest in the reserved seat of Dausa?"

"Jaskaur Meena can say anything. ... I feel the STs still need more reservations. Earlier she had fought from the reserved seat of Sawai Madhopur. Her son-in-law has become an IPS officer by taking benefits of the reservation. Such statements mislead the public."

Jaskaur Meena, while interacting with the media on Friday, had said, "I am sitting in front of you though I never got formal education. Now that I have become an MP, I did not take the benefit of reservations for my children. Capable people should leave the benefit of reservations and take the responsibility for the education of at least five children."

In Rajasthan, the total reservation is 64 per cent. Reservation for SCs is 16 per cent, STs is 12 per cent and 21 per cent for OBCs. The biggest beneficiary of the ST category in Rajasthan is the Meena caste.

Differences between the two leders have gone on for some time. Reservation is a sensitive issue and given the 2023 assembly elections, BJP vies to woo SC-ST voters with their new outreach towards such communities.

If Jaskaur is leaving reservations, then she should first resign from Parliament. If she is not taking advantage of reservations, then why did she contest in the reserved seat of Dausa? — Kirori Meena, BJP MP

4.8 million
Ukrainians have fled the country since the Russian invasion began, says UN refugee agency

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	24	8	LC	Los Angeles	24	13	LC
Colombo	30	26	LC	Melbourne	18	14	LR
Dhaka	35	27	TDS	Moscow	10	3	LC
Dubai	32	22	SNY	New York	12	6	LR
Houston	28	15	SNY	Singapore	30	25	TDS
Istanbul	10	7	HR	Toronto	6	1	LR
London	17	7	LC	Washington	10	4	LR

Ukraine vows to keep fighting in Mariupol as ultimatum expires

All those who continue resistance in the city will be destroyed, says Russian military

Pope makes Easter plea for Ukraine peace

Vatican City: Pope Francis on Sunday called for peace in Ukraine during this "Easter of war" as he delivered the traditional Easter Sunday Urbi et Orbi address on St Peter's Square at the Vatican. "May there be peace for war-torn Ukraine, so sorely tried by the violence and destruction of this cruel and senseless war into which it was dragged," Francis said, speaking from the central balcony of St Peter's Square. "Our eyes, too, are incredulous on this Easter of war," he said. "May the leaders of nations hear people's plea for peace." "Let there be a decision for peace. May there be an end to the flexing of muscles while people are suffering. "Our hearts, too, have been filled with fear and anguish, as so many of our brothers and sisters have had to lock themselves away in order to be safe from bombing," Francis said. *AFP*

Firefighters try to extinguish a blaze in a residential building following bombardment in central Kharkiv on Sunday | AFP

KYIV

UKRAINE on Sunday vowed to fight to the end in Mariupol after a Russian ultimatum expired for remaining forces to surrender in the southeastern port city where Moscow is pushing for a major strategic victory.

"The city still has not fallen," Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal said hours after Moscow's deadline for fighters holed up and surrounded in a sprawling fortress-like steelworks to surrender passed. "There's still our military forces, our soldiers. So they will fight to the end," he told ABC's "This Week", with Moscow shifting its military focus to gaining control of the eastern Donbas region and forging a land corridor to already-annexed Crimea.

The Russian military estimated that about 2,500 Ukrainian fighters holding out at a hulking steel plant with a warren of underground passageways provided the last pocket of resistance in Mariupol. Russia gave a deadline for their surrender, saying those who put down their weapons were 'guaranteed to keep their lives,' but the Ukrainians did not submit.

Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said if Russian forces kill Kyiv's troops remaining to defend the city, then a fledgling negotiation process to end nearly two months of fighting would be ended. Russian President Vladimir Putin had already said the talks were at a "dead end." Shmyhal said Ukraine wanted a diplomatic solution "if possible," but added: "If the Russians wouldn't like negotiations, we'll fight to the end, absolutely. We will not surrender." While several cities are under siege, he said, not one — with the exception of Kherson in the south — had fallen. He said more than 900 towns and cities had been liberated.

As Russia scales up attacks on Ukraine's eastern flank, at least five people were killed and 13 wounded in a series of strikes in second city Kharkiv, just 21 kilometres from the Russian border and an air strike hit an armaments factory in Kyiv. Maksym Khaustov, the head of the Kharkiv region's health department, confirmed the deaths following a series of strikes.

Agencies

Clashes erupt again near Jerusalem holy site, 17 injured

JERUSALEM

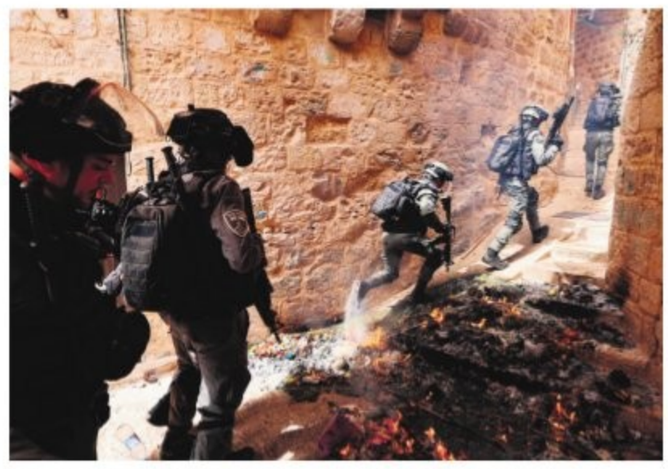
ISRAELI police on Sunday entered the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in Jerusalem's Old City to secure the way for Jewish visitors to the flashpoint holy site, fueling clashes that left 17 Palestinians wounded, according to Palestinian medical workers.

The unrest happened just two days after clashes with Palestinians at the same site. Violence in Jerusalem between Israeli security forces and Palestinian demonstrators a year ago escalated into an 11-day Gaza war. The hilltop compound housing the mosque is the third-holiest site in Islam, while it is the holiest place for Jews, who refer to it as the Temple Mount. The competing claims to the site have sparked numerous rounds of violence.

This year, the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, Christian holy week culminating in Easter Sunday and the week-long Jewish Passover are all occurring at the same time, with tens of thousands of visitors flocking to the city after coronavirus restrictions have been mostly lifted.

Israeli police accused Palestinians of "defiling and desecrating" a holy site, while Palestinian officials accused Israel of trying to divide the sensitive holy site. "What happened in Al-Aqsa Mosque is a dangerous escalation, the repercussions of which are to be borne by the Israeli government alone," said Nabil Abu Rdeneh, spokesman for Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. Police said they entered the compound to facilitate the routine visit of Jews to the holy site. They said Palestinians had stockpiled stones and set up barriers in anticipation of violence. Omer Barlev, the Israeli minister in charge of the police, said it was important to ensure freedom of worship "but we will not compromise when violence and terror take place."

Palestinians reported brief clashes with Israeli police just outside the mosque compound, while police said Palestinians had thrown stones at buses outside the Old City. *AP*



Israeli border police chase Palestinian protesters in the area in front of the Lion's Gate in Jerusalem's Old City on Sunday | AFP

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>
> Nabil Abu Rdeneh, spokesman for Palestinian president

'INVITED MACRON TO SEE EVIDENCE OF GENOCIDE'

Washington: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said he has invited his French counterpart to visit Ukraine to see for himself evidence that Russian forces have committed "genocide," a term President Emmanuel Macron has avoided. "I just told him I want him to understand that this is not war, but nothing other than genocide. I invited him to come when he will have the opportunity. He'll come and see, and I'm sure he will understand," Zelenskyy said in an interview.

> **The city has not fallen. There's still our military forces, our soldiers. So they will fight to the end**
>
> Denys Shmyhal, Ukraine PM

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Tender Notice No.01/2022-23/SE(PD-3)/EE(PD-4)/DB/GVMC/ Dt:16-04-2022 (Package-I&II)

1.Number of Works	:	02 (Two)
2.Value of works (ECV)	:	Rs.16.98 Crores
3.Down loading Starting Date	:	16-04-2022 @ 5.00 PM
4.Down loading End Date	:	04-05-2022 @ 4.00 PM
5.Last date for Submission of bid	:	04-05-2022 @ 5.00 PM

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DISPOSAL OF VEHICLES

Karnataka Bank intends to dispose 19 vehicles (cars) used by the Bank through public auction. The interested parties are requested to visit the Bank's website **www.karnatakabank.com** for the details of vehicles, base price, place and date of auction and terms & conditions.

Bank reserves the right to change/modify/cancel the date of auction or terms and conditions without assigning any reasons and the decision of the Bank in this regard will be final.

Place : Mangaluru
Date : 16 April, 2022

Sd/-
Muralidhar Krishna Rao
Chief Financial Officer

SRI LAKSHMI MAHILA SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITHA
"Lakshmi Sadana", No.3,4, East Anjaneya Temple Street, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004, Ph: 080 26614794

POSSESSION NOTICE (Under Rule 8(1)) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Sri Lakshmi Mahila Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, having its Head Office at Gandhi Bazaar, Bangalore-560004, being the secured creditor under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated:**02.11.2021** calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors to repay the amounts mentioned against their names within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice:

Sl.No.	A/c No.	Name of the Borrower	Name of the Guarantors	Outstanding
01	SPL 10191	**Sri Narayanaswamy K** S/o Sri Kalappa, No.52-1 Bangalore City College, Polloti Nilaya Road, Chelekere, Bangalaore North, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043	**1. Smt Shanthamma** W/o Sri Narayanaswamy, No.52-1, Bangalore City College, Polloti Nilaya Road, Chelekere, Bangalaore North, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043 **2. Sri Santhosh.N** S/o Sri Narayanaswami, No.52-1, Bangalore City College, Polloti Nilaya Road, Chelekere, Bangalaore North, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043.	**Rs.25,53,901.00** as on 11.04.2022 with further interest and other charges
02	SPL 10252	**Sri Narayanaswamy.K** S/o Kalappa	**1. Smt Shanthamma** W/o Narayanaswamy, No.52-1, Bangalore City College, Polloti Nilaya Road, Chelekere, Bangalaore North, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043 **2. Sri Santhosh.N** S/o Sri Narayanaswami, No.52-1, Bangalore City College, Polloti Nilaya Road, Chelekere, Bangalaore North, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043.	**Rs.11,96,353.00** as on 24.07.2018 with further interest and other charges
		Total		**Rs.37,50,254.00**

The above Borrowers/Guarantors have failed to repay the balance outstanding liability, notice is hereby given to them and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read Rule 8 of the said rules on this day of **13.04.2022**

The Borrowers/Guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **SRI LAKSHMI MAHILA SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITHA,** Gandhi Bazaar, Bangalore-560004 for the total outstanding liability of **Rs.37,50,254.00** only with further interest accrued thereon and other charges. The borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing portion of Khatha No.64 & 65, situated at Chelekere Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, measuring East to West 26+20/2 ft and North to South 41 ft, in all measuring 943 Square Feet, with existing residential house standing thereon and bounded on:
East by: 3ft Road and Property allotted to K.Srinivas, West by: Own House , North by: Sri Doddathayappa's Property, South by: Sri K.Krishnappa's Property

Date :13.04.2022
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sri Lakshmi Mahila Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, Bangalore

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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

The Authorised officer of **RBL Bank Ltd.** under Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued demand notice calling upon Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within **60 days** from receipt of the said notice.
The Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **RBL Bank Ltd.** has **taken SYMBOLIC POSSESSION** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules as per detail below:

Sl. No.	Name of Account and Address of the Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors	Demand Notice date	Amount Due (Rs.)	Details of the immovable property for which symbolic possession is taken	Date of symbolic possession
1	**M/S. SRI BANASHANKARI SEWING MACHINE CENTRE,** Opp. BSK Temple, No.161, I Main Road, Vidyaranya Nagar, Magadi Road, Karnataka, Bangalore-560023 **(Borrower). MRS. ASHA S,** # 18/1, 12th Cross, Choluru Palya, Vijaya Nagar, Karnataka, Bangalore-560040 **(Co-Borrower, Legal Heir of Deceased Co-Borrower). MS. S PRAJWALA,** # 18/1, 12th Cross, Choluru Palya, Vijaya Nagar, Karnataka, Bangalore-560040 **(Legal Heir of Deceased Co-Borrower). MR. K S SHREYAS,** # 18/1, 12th Cross, Choluru Palya, Vijaya Nagar, Karnataka, Bangalore-560040 **(Legal Heir of Deceased Co-Borrower).**	**08.02.2022**	**Rs.77,70,680.82** (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakh Seventy Thousand Six Hundred Eighty And Eighty Two Paisa Only)With further interest and charges thereon.	All that Piece and Parcel of the Property bearing Western Portion of New Municipal No.18/1, Old No.18 (Old No.9 and 10), formed in Sy.No.49/2, New PID No.123-W0082-18/1, Old PID No.33-36-18/1, situated at 12th Cross, Cholurpalya Village, Kempapura Agrahara Dhakale, Bangalore-560023, presently comes under the limits of BBMP and measuring East to West: 15 Feet and North to South: 53 Feet. Total 795 sq.ft and **bounded on the: East by:** Property belongs to same Municipal No.18 of Eastern portion in the name of Sri N Hariprasad & N Raghavendra, **West by:** Property bearing No.18, **North by:** Property Chowdappa and **South by:** 25 Feet Road. **Owned by MR. K J SHASHIDHAR (DECEASED)**	**13.04.2022**
2	**M/S. THE GIZ SHOP,** #2, 2nd Cross, 1st Main Road, Maruthi Nagar, Bangalore-560068 **(Borrower). MR. SYED IRFAN AHMED,** #8, A. H. Pride, Flat No.302, 4th Floor, 1st Main 2nd Cross, Hennur Garden, Bangalore-56004. **Also At: M/S. THE GIZ SHOP,** #2, 2nd Cross, 1st Main Road, Maruthi Nagar, Bangalore-560068 **(Co-Borrower, Guarantor & Mortgagor). MRS. AYESHUNNISA,** #8, A. H. Pride, Flat No.302, 4th Floor, 1st Main 2nd Cross, Hennur Garden, Bangalore-560043 **(Co-Borrower).**	**25.01.2022**	**Rs. 58,77,766.29** (Rupees Fifty Eight Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Six And Twenty Nine Paisa Only)With further interest and charges thereon.	**SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY (Description of the entire property):** All that piece and parcel of land together with mulit-storied Residential Apartment building known as "A.H.PRIDE" constructed thereon bearing clubbed Municipal Corporation No.316/13/1/8/, (Earlier forming the Northern and Southern portions of Site No.8, V.P.Khatha No.13/1, H.L.No.8, House List No.8 of Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk), situated at Hennur, Corporation Ward No.24, Bangalore and **Bounded on the: East by:** Site bearing No.9, **West by:** 25 feet wide Cross Road, **North by:** Site bearing No.10, **South by:** 30 feet wide Road and **measuring:** East to West: 40 feet, North to South: 80 feet. Totally measuring in all 3200 Square feet.
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY - (Description of undivided share hereby conveyed): 1/10th (one-tenth) undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the land comprised in the Schedule 'A' Property hereinabove referred to which works out 320 Square feet.
SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY (Description of Apartment hereby conveyed): All that piece and parcel of Three Bed Room Apartment bearing No.TF-302, on Third Floor, of the building known as "A.H.PRIDE", having super built up area of 1400 Sq.ft. with ONE covered car parking space, together with 1/10th equivalent 320 Sq.ft., to undivided share, right, title, interest in Corporation No.316/13/1/8 (Earlier Northern and Southern Portions of Site No.8, V.P. Khata No.13/1, H.L.No.8) of Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now under the limit of BBMP Ward No.24, measuring East to West: 40 feet, North to South: 80 feet, in all 3200 Sq.ft., and **boundedon the: East by:** Site bearing No.9, **West by:** 25 feet wide Cross Road, **North by:** Sitw bearing No.10 and **South by:** 30 feet wide road. **The Property is owned by MR. SYED IRFAN AHMED**	**13.04.2022**
3	**MR. MOHAMMAD FAZLUR RAHMAN,** G1, Dhanya Apartment, P.No.27, 28, Venkatesapuram, Vandalur, Chennai Tamilnadu-600048. **Also At: M/S. HONEY WELL TECHNOLOGH SOLN. LAB,** No.151/1, Dorraisani Palya, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore, Karnataka-560076. **Also At:** #218, 3rd Main, 8th Cross, Behind Jamia Mosque, Vimanpura Post, Bangalore, Karnataka-560017. **Also At:** No.102, Ground Floor, Bilden's Mansion Apartments, #112/1-112-1, 6th Main, Kagadasapura, C V Raman Nagar Post, Bangalore-560093 **(Borrower, Guarantor & Mortgagor). MR. MOTIAR RAHAMAN,** 218, 3rd Main 8th Cross, Vimana Pura Annsandrapalya, Bangalore, Karnataka-560017 **(Co-Borrower).**	**24.12.2021**	**Rs. 14,91,261.52** (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Ninety One Thousand Two Hundred Sixty One And Fifty Two Paisa Only)With further interest and charges thereon.	**SCHEDULE-A:** All that piece and parcel of property bearing Bangalore Mahanagara Palike No.112/1 and 112/1-1, New No.112/1-112-1, PID No.83-54-112/1-112-1 situated at Kaggadasapura, Sri C V Raman Nagar, K R Pura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, within Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.83, measuring East to West: on Southern side 64 feet, on Northern Side 70 feet and North to South: 118 feet in all measuring 7906 Sq.ft., or thereabouts and **bounded: East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Drain and Road, **North by:** Private Property, **South by:** Private Property of D Dilip Kumar Reddy.
SCHEDULE- B (Property hereby conveyed to the Purchaser): Flat No.102, in Ground Floor, in the multistoried residential building named **"BILDEN'S MANSION",** built in Schedule "A" Property having super built up area of 1395 sq.ft., including common area together with covered car parking space in stilt area, in the apartment, along with 391.50 sq.ft., of undivided share in the land out of the schedule "A" Property. The building is constructed with brick and cement walls, RCC roofing, steel windows, wooden doors, mosaic tiles flooring, with electricity, water and sanitary facility. **Property is owned by MR. MOHAMMED FUZLUR RAHMAN.**	**13.04.2022**

The Borrowers/ Mortgagors/ Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **RBL Bank Ltd.**

Place: BANGALORE, Date: 16.04.2022 — **Sd/- Authorised officer, RBL Bank Ltd.**

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No. ED/KEA/ADMN/CR-01/2022-23 — Date: 16-04-2022

NOTIFICATION

CET - 2022 - ADMISSION TO PROFESSIONAL COURSES IN THE STATE OF KARNATAKA FOR THE YEAR 2022-23

1. As per Rule 3, Rule 6(3) & Rule 7 of Karnataka Selection of Candidates for Admission to Government seats in Professional Educational Institutions Rules 2006 (Amendments) and pursuant to the directions of the Government, Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) is inviting applications from the eligible Karnataka Candidates including the ward/s of Jammu & Kashmiri migrants for conduct of **"Common Entrance Test-2022"** as per the following time table for the purpose of determining the eligibility / merit, for admission to the First year or First semester of full time courses for Government share of seats in Engineering, Technology, Naturopathy & Yoga, B. Pharma and Pharma-D, Agriculture courses (Farm Science) and Veterinary courses, in Government / University / Private Aided / Private Un-Aided Professional Educational Institutions in the State of Karnataka for the academic year 2022-23 as per the seat matrix to be notified by Government.
2. In order to become eligible to obtain admission through KEA to the above mentioned professional courses, a candidate must register for CET-2022, fill the application through online, pay the application fees, download the admission ticket and appear for the Common Entrance Test-2022 conducted by KEA, Bangalore.
3. For admission to Medical or Dental or Ayurveda or Unani or Homoeopathy courses, candidates must compulsorily qualify in the **UGNEET – 2022** (National Eligibility cum Entrance Test) exam conducted by the National Testing Agency.
4. For admission to Architecture course, candidates should appear and get qualified in NATA-2022 (National Aptitude Test in Architecture) conducted by the Council of Architecture. (Further the candidates must compulsorily register for CET-2022, fill the application through online and pay the application fees.)
5. **Eligibility:** As per Rule 5(1) of Karnataka Selection of Candidates for Admission to Government seats in Professional Educational Institutions Rules 2006 (Amendments), No candidate shall be eligible for admission to Government Seats unless he is a citizen of India and satisfies any one of the eligibility conditions specified therein. The candidates who do not satisfy any of the Clauses / Eligibility Criteria are not eligible for admission to professional courses under Government quota seats through KEA.
6. UGCET-2022-Information Bulletin consisting of details about mode of submission of application through online, eligibility clauses, academic eligibility criteria etc is hosted on the KEA Website for the information of the candidates. Candidates can download the same from KEA Website. Candidates have to apply online for admission to various Professional Courses through KEA.

Schedule for online application – payment of fees – submission of special category certificates.

01	Registration and filling of Application Online for CET-2022	From 1:00 PM on 18.04.2022 to 05.05.2022 up to 11:59 pm
02	Last date to pay the application fees – online	06.05.2022
03	Provision for corrections, if any (The candidates can change / modify the information furnished in the online application as per their eligibility) only for fee paid candidates	From 11:00 am on 07.05.2022 to 10.05.2022 up to 5:30 pm
04	Submission of Special Category Original Certificates on the specified dates (As per schedule given in Information Bulletin)	02.06.2022 to 08.06.2022
05	Downloading of Admission Tickets for CET-2022	From 11:00 a.m. on 30.05.2022

Common Entrance Test – 2022 Time Table

Date	Day	Timings	Subject	Marks
16.06.2022	Thursday	10.30 am – 11.50 am	Biology	60
		02.30 pm – 03.50 pm	Mathematics	60
17.06.2022	Friday	10.30 am – 11.50 am	Physics	60
		02.30 pm – 03.50 pm	Chemistry	60

Kannada Language Test **FOR HORANADU AND GADINADU KANNADIGA CANDIDATES at Bengaluru, Bidar, Belagavi, Ballary, Bijapura,** Mangalore Districts only

18.06.2022	Saturday	11.30 am to 12.30 pm	4th Standard level	50

AGRICULTURIST QUOTA - Schedule for Verification of documents and time table for Practical examination will be published on the KEA Website in due course.

Note:

(i) A candidate who had obtained a seat in any discipline through KEA (CET Cell) in any of the previous years and not surrendered the seat before the last date fixed for entry of options for final round of seat allotment for the respective disciplines will not be eligible for allotment of a seat to the same discipline during 2022. However, he / she is eligible to appear for CET-2022 for allotment of seat in any other discipline as per rule 15 (5) of Karnataka Selection of Candidates for Admission to Government seats in Professional Educational Institutions Rules, 2006.

(ii) Academic Eligibility / admissions to Colleges/ Seat Allotments made to and by the colleges shall be subject to rules /conditions specified from time to time / approval by MCI, DCI, AICTE, COA, NCISM, NCH, PCI, Government, University, Apex Bodies, etc.

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DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

INFLATION is on the upswing, and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given a clear signal that it now prioritizes inflation (control) over growth. This clearly means the Central Bank might be thinking of increasing interest rates.

Recently, group chief economic adviser of State Bank of India Dr Soumya Kanti Ghosh predicted that the RBI might hike the rate at which it lends to banks by at least 50 basis points by the beginning of June 2022. Also, yields on risk-free 10-year government bonds, which till recently were trading below 7% mark, have now touched 7.25% levels.

Given the fast-evolving situation, how should investors, who invest in fixed-income options like FDs, small savings schemes and debt mutual funds, make their investment strategies?

The key at this time for such investors is to avoid longer tenure products. Depositors should not get locked into any longer tenure FDs, while debt fund investors can invest in short-duration bonds which do not take unnecessary interest rate risks.

HOW ARE THINGS STAKED UP

Key indicators	Apr-22	Apr-21
Inflation*	6.95	5.52
Repo rate	4	4
MCLR#	6.55-7.05	6.45-7
FD rates (over 1 year tenure)	5-5.6	4.9-5.5
T-bills (91 day)	3.87	3.35
T-bills (182 day)	4.27	3.59
10-year Govt bond	7.25	6.21

* March inflation announced in April; all figures in %

Marginal cost of fund-based lending rate is rate below which banks cannot lend

Source: RBI, MOSPI

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Pankaj Pathak, Fund Manager-Fixed Income, Quantum AMC

Bank depositors, small savings schemes

Banks are offering 5-5.5% on fixed deposits with 1-10 years tenure. They are fetching a negative real rate of interest if we consider the inflation prediction for 2022-23 at above 6%.

Bank fixed deposit rates are fetching lower interest rates because the banking system was flooded with easy cash thanks to several central bank measures to supply easy liquidity to banks so that they support businesses hit by the pandemic.

The RBI has been removing the extra liquidity from the system and as a consequence bank deposits rates should increase going forward. Investors planning to park their money in FDs should, therefore, do so in short tenure FDs for now, and wait for better rates in three-six months time.

Small savings schemes rates are linked to government bond yields of similar tenure, and they are revised every quarter. So, any increase in government bond yields should get reflected in the revised rates albeit with lag. The savers should remember that the government has kept the rates of small savings schemes unchanged for over a year now despite yields falling to lower levels. Therefore, they should not expect the government to immediately pass on the benefit of higher yields.

Debt mutual funds

With bank FD rates giving negative real rates of interest, savvy investors do opt for debt mutual funds which offer better tax-adjusted returns than FDs. But given the uncertainty and volatility due to the RBI's changed policy stance, it would be important for debt fund investors to not take long-term bets yet.

"Rising bond yields are negative for long-duration bond funds. At this juncture, investors will be better off avoiding long-term bond funds," says Pankaj Pathak, Fund Manager-Fixed Income, Quantum AMC.

Investors should, instead, invest in funds which follow accrual and held-to-maturity strategies.

According to Lakshmi Iyer, chief investment officer (Debt) & head of products, Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company, given the rising interest rate scenario, debt investors could look at optimising portfolio yields. Strategies like floating rate funds are well suited as the underlying securities tend to adjust coupons at a faster pace. Coupons are interest paid on bonds.

Floating rate funds are those debt funds which invest in floating rate bonds, whose yields change with the change in benchmark rates.

For example, if a bond is benchmarked to say Repo Rate, the rate at which RBI lends to banks, then any changes in repo rate would also change the yield of the bond.

Target maturity funds also help in lowering interest rate risk as bonds in the portfolio of such funds are held to maturity, and the interest earned from holding these bonds are ploughed back into the fund. This is called accrual strategy, where the income is earned from bond interest rather than capital gains from change in price of bond.

"Investors would do well to use a combination of held-to-maturity products like target maturity funds, tax-free bonds and shorter duration mutual funds such as ultra-short, low-duration or short-term debt funds," says Shalini Dhawan, a financial planner and co-founder of Plan Ahead Wealth Advisors.

Ultra short-term or short-term funds which invest in debt securities with a very short duration of 3-6 months can also be ideal for parking money in uncertain times like these. These funds typically invest in treasury bills, commercial papers (CPs) and certificates of deposits (CDs). Low duration debt securities are less sensitive to change in interest rates.

"At the shorter end of the curve, yields will move in tandem with the liquidity in the system. Hence for short term duration, money market funds would come in handy for investors," says Parijat Agrawal Head Fixed Income, Union Mutual Fund.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE THAN PREDICT IT

RAJAS KELKAR

ANCIENT Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu once said that the one who has the knowledge does not predict. In personal finance, everything we do is about the future. Economists predict growth rates in the year ahead. Stock market analysts predict profits for the year ahead and carve out estimates for growth. Today's prices are a function of tomorrow's profits, goes a stock market philosophy.

The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, the two premier global agencies, are currently amidst their annual spring meetings. Based on multiple data points related to inflation, trade, pandemic and geo-politics, their estimates for growth are trending down for most countries.

Unlike in the past, there is voluminous data to help you estimate the future trend. However, all of that did not succeed in predicting a crisis like the global financial crisis or the Covid-19 pandemic. The economic impact of the two events was catastrophic for many nations. As share prices tumbled and currencies crashed, individuals suffered financial losses.

Understanding market cycles

Financial markets go through cycles. That applies to economies or markets. If things are on an upswing today, they could go down tomorrow. Prices of goods and services also move in cycles based on demand and supply scenarios. You need to understand that interest rates matter to your finances more than anything else. A phase of low-interest rates is bound to be followed by a phase of high-interest rates. When interest rates are low, borrowing makes sense. However, when the interest rate cycle turns, you need to watch out for the expensive loans to finance your spending. Rising inflation is a good indicator that you need to hold back. You do not need to be an economist to figure out that the era of low-interest rates is over as the prices of goods and services you buy rise sharply.

When investing in the stock market, you may want to consider that share prices cannot simply continue to rise. While in the long run, they trend upwards, they always move in cycles. After successive days and weeks of a bull run, you may want to brace yourself for a stock market correction. If that bull run is too sharp, a similar fall is imminent. Share prices cannot move too much farther than the underlying companies' profits. They tend to fall in line eventually.

How do you prepare

A disciplined approach to investing allows you to prepare against an eventuality. You cannot assume that you will not face personal shocks. You must meet your financial advisor and discuss your ideas. The time you spend with your advisor will determine the direction you give to your savings. You need to have adequate life insurance and health insurance. The Covid-19 pandemic has underscored the importance of an emergency fund. You must ensure that you put aside money regularly to take care of expenses if you stay out of work for months. It is safe to assume that there would be inflation. Prices of goods and services you buy today regularly would rise. Years later, you need adequate money to pay for expenses when you retire. You can save and invest periodically when young in small quantities for the future.

You may want to avoid paying too much attention to the 'outperformance' of fund managers or stocks. If you are not from the financial sector, you are better off not finding more about investments that could do better than others. Passive investing has benefitted individuals across the world. Households have created wealth by deploying savings regularly to index funds. There will always be temptations around. A hot property or a stock market tip is always available. If something is that common, then everyone can get rich quick. Knowledge is your only weapon against any uncertainty. However, if you feel overwhelmed with information, you may choose passive investing through index funds to secure your retirement or other long-term financial goals. It is not possible to predict the future. However, it is possible to prepare for any eventuality. All it needs is your commitment and discipline.

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MONEY-WISE

MF SCHEME LABELS AND PASSIVE BREACHES

ONE of the primary reasons that SEBI had not just classified but also defined equity schemes into large-cap, mid-cap, small-cap and more a few years ago, was to ensure adherence to label. Till then, so called 'bluechip' or similar named funds were getting away with holding a high percentage of small cap stocks when the wind was blowing in that direction. Post the classification order, an AMC will need to label such a scheme as either a pure small-cap or flexi-cap fund.

It is against this backdrop that SEBI recently indicated that even passive breaches within a mutual fund scheme will no longer be tolerated, as it defeats the very purpose of labelling. SEBI has ordained that fund houses must remain true to their label by fixing passive breaches in their schemes within 30 days.

So, what is a Passive breach and when does it occur? A Passive breach happens when allocation to certain asset class or an instrument changes due to market movement or fund management strategy. To cite an example, a large cap fund has to maintain 80 % exposure to large cap stocks. If however, due to volatility or an internal fund management call, the overall allocation to large cap stocks reduces to around 75 to 76% (merely indicative, not sacrosanct), it will be tantamount to a passive breach.

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Thus far, there was no time limit to fix passive breaches. As a result, a few fund houses maintained allocations that were not in line with the scheme's mandate. SEBI's new norms will ensure that the fund house maintains its allocation to remain true to its label. This rule is applicable on all active schemes except overnight funds.

In case a fund house does not adhere to these norms, it will have to explain reasons for the breach to the investment committee. The committee may provide it time of 60 more business days to the mutual fund to fix allocation, if it accepts the explanation provided. If AMCs fall out of line in this context, SEBI will bar the fund houses from launching new schemes. The market regulator will also not allow non-complaint fund houses from charging investors wishing to redeem, any exit load during the period.

SEBI has announced that in case the AUM of deviated portfolio is more than 10% of the AUM of the main portfolio of a scheme, AMCs have to immediately disclose the same to the investors through SMS and email or letter including details of the portfolio that has not been rebalanced. AMCs will also have to immediately communicate to investors when the portfolio is rebalanced.

Overall, one cannot find fault with this ruling by SEBI as adequate time is being provided to rebalance portfolios with passive breaches which are inevitable, especially when the markets are volatile, like they have been, of late. Also, when analysts and investors compare scheme performances, they really should be comparing apples with apples and not oranges. After all, that is why there was the need to classify mutual fund scheme categories.

EXPRESS READ

GST Council may do away with 5% rate

New Delhi: With most states on board to raise revenue so that they do not have to depend on Centre for compensation, the GST Council at its meeting next month is likely to consider a proposal to do away with the 5% slab by moving some goods of mass consumption to 3% and the remaining to 8% categories, sources said. Currently, GST is a four-tier structure of 5, 12, 18 and 28%, PTI reported.

'UPI to stay on top in digital payments space'

New Delhi: Retail online transaction platform UPI will likely continue to dominate the digital payments space in the country, a study has said. Unified Payments Interface (UPI), Buy Now Pay Later (BNPL), Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) and offline payments will drive growth of digital payments in India in the next five years, PwC India said in a report.

Will respond strongly to frauds: Sequoia Capital

New Delhi: Sequoia Capital India on Sunday said it has zero tolerance towards proven wrongdoing and will continue to respond strongly to wilful misconduct or fraud so that a few errant founders do not create big setbacks for startup ecosystem. Sequoia in a blog on its website said it won't hesitate to act to protect the interest of shareholders and employees even if it costs it financially.

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—Motilal Oswal Financial Services

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INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING

Govt amends FEMA rules to allow up to 20% FDI in LIC

NEW DELHI: The government has amended rules of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), paving the way for up to 205 foreign direct investment in the insurance behemoth LIC.

The government is planning to dilute its stake in LIC through the the Initial Public Offering (IPO). LIC in February had filed the Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) before the markets regulator Sebi for the IPO.

Last month, Sebi gave approval to the draft papers and the insurer is in the process of filing a request for proposal with changes.

Following the Cabinet approval, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) on March 14 had amended the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy to facilitate overseas investment in LIC ahead of the mega public offer.

FEMA notification was required to operationalise the provisions DPIIT issued through a press note, including FDI policy changes that will allow large foreign portfolio investors to subscribe to shares of LIC.

"These rules may be called the Foreign Exchange Management (Non-debt Instruments) (Amendment) Rules, 2022," said a gazette notification issued recently.

The notification has inserted a paragraph in the existing policy, allowing up to 20% FDI in LIC through the automatic route.

Since the foreign inflows' ceiling for public sector banks is 20% under government approval route as per the present FDI policy, it has been decided to allow foreign investment of up to 20% in LIC and other such corporate bodies.

"Foreign investment in LIC shall be subject to the provisions of the Life Insurance Corporation Act, 1956, (LIC Act) as amended from time to time and such provisions of the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended from time to time, as are applicable to LIC," the gazette notification said. *PTI*

LIC's draft papers

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Telecos, enterprises fight over Trai's private network plans

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

THE latest recommendations of telecom regulator (Trai) on 5G modalities have become a bone of contention between the Indian telecom operators and Indian enterprises.

Trai in its recommendations on 5G spectrum auction suggested the Department of Telecom (DoT) should allow Indian enterprises to build its private 5G networks. It also gave options to the Indian enterprises to obtain the spectrum directly from the government and establish a captive network. This means, these big enterprises need not bid in the upcoming 5G spectrum.

However, the recommendations of the telecom regulator haven't gone down well with the Telecom Service Provider (TSP) in India as they fear it may eat into their business and they would be provided spectrum on administration basis.

What Trai recommended

The telecom Regulatory Authority of India on 11 April recommended earmarking some spectrum for private captive networks. Under this option, spectrum assigned to enterprises is utilised within a limited geographic area.

The regulator gave examples of Germany, Finland, UK, France, Sweden, South Korea, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Australia, Czech Republic, Japan and Taiwan, which have earmarked spectrum for local use.

"The method of allocation of spectrum for captive use is administrative in these cases, whereby interested parties directly apply for licenses to the national regulator," said Trai.

Trai has also given choice to enterprises that they may either establish an independent isolated private network in their premises using spectrum from telecom service providers or obtain the spectrum directly from the government and establish their own isolated networks.

Where is the problem?

Currently, private enterprises are dependent on the telecom service providers or broadband service providers for any kind of network services. If DoT accepts these recommendations, big enterprises will no longer be dependent on telcos and can use their own network.

But the telecom operators' claim that by allowing private networks for enterprises, Trai is altering the industry dynamics.

"Telecom Service Providers have, and going forward, will invest lakhs of crore rupees in network rollouts. Enterprise services constitute 30-40% of the industry's overall revenues. Private networks once again disincentivizes the telecom industry to invest in networks and continue paying high levies and taxes," said Cellular Operator Association of India (COAI), an association that represents all the three private telcos -- Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea Limited.

Private enterprises, however, have welcomed the recommendations.

"Trai's comprehensive recommendations are balanced and practical, and address the interests of the TSPs, the enterprises, as well as the public, since more private networks would lead to more employment opportunities and business, and in turn, translate into greater economic output and benefits," said Broadband India Forum (BIF), an independent Think-Tank and Policy Forum for Digital Communications in the country. TV Ramachandran, president of BIF, says: "We can ill-afford to stay behind the rest of the world, and this is an opportunity for India to catch up on 5G through private networks."

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Pujara hits double ton on Sussex debut

India batter Cheteshwar Pujara redeemed himself with an unbeaten double hundred in the second innings as Sussex snatched a draw against Derbyshire at the 2022 County Championship on Sunday. Making his debut for Sussex, Pujara was dismissed for six in his first innings as his team folded for 174 in reply to Derbyshire's 505. However, Pujara hit 201 not out in second essay.

Budding TN table tennis player, Vishwa, dies in road accident

ENS @Chennai

IN a shocking incident, D Vishwa, former cadet and sub-junior national champion, passed away in a car accident on Sunday. He was on his way to Shillong to take part in the senior national table tennis championships. He and three other teammates were travelling from the Guwahati airport when the mishap took place at around two in the afternoon. The 18-year-old breathed his last on way to the hospital. He is survived by his parents and a sister. According to Meghalaya Table Tennis Association, the four players representing Tamizhaga Table Tennis Association (TTTA) met with the accident when a truck crossed the divider from the opposite direction of the four-lane highway and rammed the private taxi in Shangbangla in Ri-Bhoi district.

D Vishwa

The Table Tennis Federation of India released a statement. "A 12-wheel trailer truck, coming from the opposite direction, ploughed through the road divider and hit the taxi just after the Umliy check post, and plunged into the gorge. The taxi driver died on the spot, and Vishwa before reaching the Nongpoh Civil Hospital. The doctors declared him brought dead." According to TTFI, Ramesh Santosh Kumar, Abinash Prasannaji Srinivasan and Kishore Kumar, who travelled with Vishwa, suffered severe injuries but, according to doctors, they are stable now.

According to TTFI, the organisers of the championships, with the Meghalaya government's help, rushed them to the North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences in Shillong for critical care. Gita Mittal, the chairperson of the Committee of Administrators (CoA), condoled the unfortunate death of Vishwa and also spoke to Kishore, wishing him and other players a speedy recovery.

Vishwa was a first year student of BCom Loyola College and was coached by Ramnath. "I have been coaching him for the last 12 years," said Ramnath. "He trains at Krishnaswamy TT club, Anna Nagar. Sad and shocked that he is no more. He was a solid attacking player a very humble person."

"With profound grief and sorrow, the Tamil Nadu Table Tennis Association condoles the sudden and untimely demise of young and talented D Vishwa," said AV Vidyasagar, secretary of state TT association. Dushyant Chautala, president of now suspended TTFI, has announced ₹5 lakh to the kin of deceased.

SUN SHINING ON SRH

Hyderabad keep up impressive turnaround, outplay Punjab by seven wickets to secure fourth straight win

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@Chennai

THE Sunrisers Hyderabad top-order looked out of sorts. Again. Nicholas Pooran looked like an expensive flop. Again. Abdul Samad, one of their retentions, and Romario Shepherd, one of their big overseas signings, didn't inspire much confidence. The lower middle-order looked lightweight. Again. At least that was the knee-jerk reaction after the opening two games. The cudgels was out for Kane Williamson too. Why, the question went, was he retained over more T20 friendly batters like Jonny Bairstow? Those questions, at least for the time being, have been shelved. They are form team of the Indian Premier League. On Sunday, they eased past Punjab Kings whose chaos was no match for Hyderabad's calm, composed brand of cricket. After beginning the season with back-to-back losses, they have won four on the bounce.

How have they managed to turn it around? The basic building blocks — Aiden Markram as a finisher, Umran Malik as a wicket-taking enforcer through the middle and death overs and a bowling attack that embodies frugality — were already there. To that concoction, they have added Rahul Tripathi's enterprise at the top, a more circumspect Pooran at the start of his innings (that's a good thing for him) and identifying that Shepherd wasn't what they needed right now.

Umran Malik | PTI

They replaced Shepherd with Marco Jansen and fully embraced their principal strength. All four of their frontline bowlers are seamers (Malik, Bhuvneshwar, Jansen and T Natarajan). It's hard to argue their returns. Kumar may have fallen out of favour with the Indian team but his dot ball percentages in the powerplay suggests he is operating at the peak of his game post his injury troubles. This year, he is fourth-best (39) for dot balls. Jansen, who has shared the new ball with Kumar, is already ninth-best with 32 even though he has featured in four games.

If, between them, they use height, the crease and conditions on offer to build pressure, Malik's raw pace and Natarajan's use of full deliveries as well as hard lengths is a different dimension. The left-armer has the joint-most wickets with 12 while Malik's pace is a double-edged sword for batters. Runs can come freely but there is no extra time to make that adjustment, especially in the back-end to finishers and bowling all-rounders. On Sunday, Malik became just the fourth bowler in the league's history to bowl a 20th over maiden while picking three wickets in the process. Overall, his 4/28 (15 dots) helped restrict Punjab to 151.

Now, 151 can be a big target for a team like Hyderabad who set up to approach a T20 match like a shortened ODIs. They like to get their eye in, keep wickets in hand and go big at the death. This is where Tripathi and Markram has helped them a lot. Both of them provided the thrust after a typically watchful start. Their runs are worth their weight in platinum to this franchise and here's why. Hyderabad's other eight batters have scored 512 (averaging 23.27). These two themselves have made 395 (79).

Brief scores: PBKS 151 in 20 ovs (Livingstone 60; Umran 4/28, Bhuvneswar 3/22) lost to SRH 152/3 in 18.5 ovs (Markram 41 n.o, Pooran 35 n.o; Chahar 2/28).

CSK VS GT

David stars in Titans win over Kings

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

WITHOUT the in-form Hardik Pandya, out due to injury, many thought that it was half the match won for Chennai Super Kings. Pandya has made Gujarat Titans a force to reckon with. Without Pandya, they were a less well-rounded side. And it nearly cost them on the night.

Chasing 170 for the win, the new franchise had a disastrous start losing Shubhman Gill and Vijay Shankar to Mukesh Chaudhary and Maheesh Theekshana respectively without opening their accounts. Soon after, the in-form Abhinav Manohar was induced into playing a false stroke by Theekshana. Thus Gujarat were reduced to 16/ 3. Soon, Wriddhiman Saha too preferred the comfort of the dugout and it seemed like Chennai were in firm control of the proceedings.

David Miller, however, led an unlikely fightback to help Gujarat post a thrilling three-wicket win. Miller, with support from stand-in skipper Rashid Khan (40 off 21), played an exhilarating knock comprising six sixes and eight fours. He eventually finished with an unbeaten 94. Earlier, CSK had scored 169/5 with Ruturaj Gaikward top-scoring with 73 runs.

Brief scores: CSK 169/5 in 20 ovs (Gaikwad 73, Rayudu 46; Joseph 2/34) **lost to** GT 170/7 in 19.5 ovs (Miller 94 n.o; Rashid 40).

Today's match: RR vs KKR @ Mumbai

Ramandeep, Juned rewrite 35km NR

AGENCIES @Ranchi

JUNED Khan (Haryana) and Ramandeep Kaur (Punjab) rewrote the men and women's 35km race walking National Records respectively when winning top honours in the 9th Indian Open Race Walking Competition on Sunday. The 23-year-old Ramandeep clipped more than 13 minutes from Priyanka Goswami's national record set in the World Athletics Race Walking Championships in Muscat last month. Her Punjab teammate Manju was abreast till the 15km mark, but while Ramandeep soon opened a comfortable lead, Manju came home inside Priyanka's mark.

In the men's race, 22-year-old Juned pulled away from Ram Baboo and Chandan Singh after the 20km mark to lower the national record by five minutes. Eknath Sambhaji Turambekar who held the national record was among the four who were bunched in the lead till the 20km mark but dropped out after being second with 10km to go.

RESULTS: Men 35km: 1. Juned Khan (Haryana) 2:40:16.00 (NR, Old NR: 2:45:17.00, Eknath Sambhaji Turambekar, Muscat, March 5, 2022); 2. Ram Baboo (Uttar Pradesh) 2:41:30.00; 3. Chandan Singh (Uttarakhand) 2:42:02.00. **Women 35km:** 1. Ramandeep Kaur (Punjab) 3:00:04.00 (NR, Old NR: 3:13:19.00, Priyanka Goswami, Muscat, March 5, 2022); 2. Manju (Punjab) 3:07:49.00; 3. Payal (Uttarakhand) 3:15:47.00. **Men U20 10km:** 1. Sachin Bohra (Uttarakhand) 43:12.00; 2. Rohit Kumar Yadav (Gujarat) 43:13.00; 3. Aditya Negi (Uttarakhand) 44:27.00. **Women U20 10km:** 1. Deepika Sharma (Rajasthan) 51:32.00; 2. Bharti Bhadana (Haryana) 52:23.00; 3. Indu (Haryana) 52:40.00.

Chelsea to face Liverpool in FA Cup final

AGENCIES @London

CHELSEA marched into the FA Cup final after beating Crystal Palace 2-0 on Sunday.

After a goalless opening first-half, Ruben Loftus-Cheek broke the deadlock in the 65th minute for the Thomas Tuchel's side. Just 11 minutes later, Mason Mount added the second goal.

Chelsea will take on Liverpool, who beat Manchester City 3-2 on Saturday, in the final on May 14.

Chelsea's Ruben Loftus-Cheek (R) celebrates his goal | AFP

Burnley settle for draw

LONDON: Burnley began life without Sean Dyche with a 1-1 draw at West Ham on a costly day for the Clarets as they lost midfielder Ashley Westwood to an injury. Westwood's leg buckled underneath him in a routine challenge with West Ham's Nikola Vlasic in the first-half and was given oxygen as he was stretchered off the field. Once the match resumed, Burnley went in front as Wout Weghorst powered home a header from a corner. Tomas Spucek drew level in the 74th minute.

EXPRESS READ

Karnataka, Odisha play out 3-3 draw

KOCHI: Odisha and Karnataka played out a six-goal thriller in the Santosh Trophy clash ending 3-3 here. Jamir Oram gave Odisha the lead before Karnataka raced away to a 3-1 lead. Sudheer Kotikela scored the equaliser before Bavu Nishad made it 2-1. Sudheer struck again to give Karnataka 3-1 lead. Odisha then clawed their way back into the game.

BFC U13 go down to Sudeva

BENGALURU: The BFC U13 Boys lost 2-3 to Sudeva FC in the opening game of the JSW Youth Cup, at the JSW Vidyanagar Township Football Ground, on Sunday. Second-half goals from Wahengbam Meitei (38') and Mars Ningthoujam (58',61') were enough to cancel out strikes from Ishan Chatur (26') and Aalhaad Hate (70').

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client Mr.Shartath.M.P has lost Original settlement deed bearing doc. No.7903/1998-99 which is related to the schedule mentioned below. If anyone have found or traced out the same please contact the below person.

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All that piece and parcel of House list No.138/9, New Municipal No.27 (Old No.115), BBMP Property ID No.66-99-27, Measuring East to West: 30 ft, North to South: 50ft, in all measuring 1500 sqft., situated at Venkatapura, Beguru Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.66/ Madiwala.
East by: House belongs to Sri Ramesh,
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This is to inform the general public that my client **Smt. S. AMRUTHA .A,** W/o Sri K. Vijay Kumar, R/at No. 52, Maruthi Extension, 3rd Stage, Malur - 563 130, have lost the original Sale Deed dated 08.05.1998, regd. as No. BNG(U) KRP/837/ 1998-99 in Book - I, Stored in C.D No. ICD - 011 in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, K.R. Puram, Bengaluru, executed by Sri B A Ramachar, S/o. Sri. Anjaneyachar through his GPA Holder Sri. S. Manickam, S/o. Sagayamani, in favour of Smt. Lakshmi, W/o. Sri. S. Manickam and another original sale deed dated 12.08.2008, regd. as No. BNS- 1-02599-2008-09, in Book - 1, stored in CD No. BNSD 24, in the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Banaswadi, Bangalore in respect of the schedule property, have been misplaced /lost by her, in this regard she has lodged a Police Complaint with Malur Police Station, Malur, on 01.04.2022 vide Lost Report No. PD0811220600231.

If any person/s finds the aforesaid original documents, he/she/they inform the undersigned. Further, if there are any claims or interest of whatsoever nature over the schedule property, the interested person/s Bank/ s, Creditor/s, Financial Institution/s, firm/s, statutory authorities or any other/s must present his/her/their/its claims/objections with the undersigned in writing along with documentary proof within seven days from the date of this publication. In the event, such claims are not lodged with me within the stipulated time, it will be presumed that the Schedule Property is free from any claims and my client will proceed with the Schedule Property without being liable for any claim/ s put forth thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of land together with construction standing thereon and bearing No. 47, Old No. 250, H L Khatha No. 1070/983, Corporation New No. 4, situate at 2. Cross Road, 100 feet BDA Road, Ward No. 88, Dodda Banaswadi Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, PID No. 88-66-4, measuring East to West 25 feet and North to South : 30 feet in all measuring 750 Sq. feet and bounded on the **East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Road and **South by:** House Site No. 46.

P. VENKATARAMANA, Advocate
No.44/13, Shop No. 3, First Floor, (Above Delhi Bhavan Sweet & Chats), K. Kamaraj Road, Bengaluru- 560042.
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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No:SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AE(T)/F-38&32/22-23/120-23 Date: 16.04.2022

Tender Notification (Through e-Procurement portal only)

KPTCL invites bids against the following enquiry nos. on **total turnkey basis on Percentage tender basis**:

(1) KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/REPAIR OF TFR/ EE(O)/ AE(T)/22-23/EPR-294 dated: 13.04.2022 for the work of **"Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of sick Power Transformer of rating 31.5MVA, 66/11KV(3Limbs), Victory make, Sl. No.4-0012/8 Failed at 220/66/11Kv Yerrandanahalli R/s in TL&SS, Division, Yerrandanahalli".**

(2) KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/REPAIR OF TFR/ EE(O)/ AEE-2/22-23/EPR-296 dated 13.04.2022 for the work of **"Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of sick Power Transformer of rating 20MVA, 66/11KV(3 Limbs), BBL MAKE, Sl. NO. 4767/2 Power Transformer failed on 18.10.2021 AT 66/11KV SUBSTATION KANAKAPURA".**

The Detailed Notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging **on or after 18.04.2022** to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyper Link **"e-Procurement-KPTCL"** or to **https://eproc.karnataka.govt.in**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer(Ele), Transmission(M), Ramanagara Circe, 220/66/11 KV Vrushabhavati Valley Station, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-26, Ph. No. 080-29620155.

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Executive Engineer, Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited, No.1, HLBC, Division, Channarayapatna

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO :01/2022-23 DATED :13.04.2022. Through e-procurement Two cover System

On behalf of the Managing Director Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited, Electronic tenders on ITEMWISE TENDERS on e-procurement portal are invited by the Executive Engineer, No1, HLBC, Division, Channarayapatna in Karnataka from eligible KPWD/ CPWD, public organization contractors for the work mentioned here under. Total No of works:7Package works Types of works: Construction and Improvements of roads in Channarayapatna and Arasikere Taluk. and Improvements to feeder halla works. Estimated Amount put to tender: Rs.55.00 Lakhs to Rs.236.32 Lakhs E.M.D. Details: Rs. 94,000/- to Rs. 3,60,000/- Period: 6 Months The contractor can obtain the e-proc documents and can access eproc. Contractors can download the documents form **18.04.2022 to 02.05.2022 upto 4.00 P.M.** will be the last date for submission of application through eproc. Prebid meeting will be held on Dtd:**25.04.2022** at office of the Chief Engineer, Hemavathy Project zone, Gorur. Date of Opening of Technical bid is on **04.05.2022 at 16.00 P.M,** and financial bid will be opened soon after the approval to technical bid. If any variation found in amount put to tender and E.M.D, amount mentioned in the bid document will be consider as final. Note: Further details can be obtained from the above office or e-procurement website (www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in).

Sd/- Executive Engineer, No.1, HLBC Division, Channarayapatna

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IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DEVANAHALLI
C.MIS. No. 115/2022

BETWEEN: SMT. S.C. PADMA & OTHERS ... **PETITIONERS**
AND: The Tahasildhar, Devanahalli Taluk, Devanahalli. ... **RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The petitioners have filed the above petition for the death certificate of petitioners grand mother namely **Smt. Subbamma. W/o Late S. Narayanappa,** who expired on **3/6/1972** at their residence at Sadahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Principal Civil Judge & JMFC at Devanahalli and date of hearing on **13/5/2022** at 11.00. am, in C. Mis. No.115/2022.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 07-04-2022.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli.

Advocate for Petitioner: **Murthy .M**
No. 1, 3rd Floor, Opp Mannapuram Gold Loan, Sulibele Road, Devanahalli-562110.

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DEVANAHALLI
C.MIS. No. 116/2022

BETWEEN: SMT. S.C. PADMA & OTHERS ... **PETITIONERS**
AND: The Tahasildhar, Devanahalli Taluk, Devanahalli. ... **RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The petitioners have filed the above petition for the death certificate of petitioners grand father namely **Sri S. Narayanappa S/o Late Srinivasaiah,** who expired on **6/2/1962** at their residence at Sadahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Principal Civil Judge & JMFC at Devanahalli and date of hearing on **13/5/2022** at 11.00. am, in C. Mis. No.116/2022.

Given under my hand & seal of the Court on 07-04-2022.

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Advocate for Petitioner: **Murthy .M**
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Registered Office: KRM Towers, 7th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai-600031. TEL: +91 44 4564 4000 | FAX: +91 44 4564 4022.
Authorized Officer - Mr Debjyoti Roy : Contact No. : 9874702021.
Authorized Officer - Preeti Toshniwal : Contact No. : 9694702013.

APPENDIX- IV-A [See provision to rule 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of IDFC First Bank Limited Formally known as Capital First limited, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 20th May 2022 , for recovery of INR 32,06,578.41/- as on 24.04.2019due to the IDFC First Bank Limited from **1. Manjunatha H 2. Manjuladevi** K. The Reserve Price for the property will be 23,24,000 /- (Rupees Twenty-Three Lakhs Twenty-Four Thousand Only)and the Earnest Money Deposit will be 10% of the Reserved Price INR **2,32,400/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Only).**

DESCRIPTION OF MORTGAGE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the property consisting of Self occupied Commercial Property located at - Plot No.109, Measuring 1162.512 square feet in the project known as "Golden Valley-phase 2" on the land bearing survey no 44/4, situated at Hemmigepura Village, kengeri Hobli, Bangalore, south taluk, bounded on: East By: Neighboring land, West By:9-meter-wide road, North By: Property bearing plot No.108 and, South By: Property bearing plot No. 110

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in IDFC First Bank Limited website i.e. www.idfcfirstbank.com

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DESCRIPTION OF MORTGAGE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the property at flat No 001, Measuring 1350 square feet of super built up area at ground floor of the building in the project known as: "Royal Paradise" along with 405 square feet of undivided share of right, title, and interest in the land with a car parking space at the basement of the building constructed on the property bearing site no 4 & 9, Assessment No 24, BBMP Khatha No 4/1, PID No 55-718-4/1, measuring East to West 30 Feet, North to South 80 Feet, formed in residentially converted land bearing Survey No 24 of Kadirenhalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Comprising of a stilt, ground and two upper floors building. bounded on: East By: Property bearing No. 3 & 10, West By: Property Bearing No 5& 8, North By: Road, South By: Road

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in IDFC First Bank Limited website i.e. www.idfcfirstbank.com

Date : 18/04/2022
Sd/- Authorised Officer IDFC First Bank Limited

TUNGABHADRA BOARD: TB DAM
e-Procurement Notice IFB Nos.01/2022-23 Dt.18.04.2022 & 60/2021-22 Dt.15.02.2022 (3rd Call)

Tender under category of EOI & Survey are invited in respect Fisheries Wing TB Dam and HW & HLC Division, TB Dam through 'e-Procurement'.

Bid Document downloading Start Date & Time:	18.04.2022 at 11:00 AM
Bid Document downloading End Date & Time : **(IFB No. 60/2021-22 Dt.15.02.2022 (3rd Call)**	26.04.2022 at 3:00 PM
Bid Submission End Date & Time : **(IFB No. 60/2021-22 Dt.15.02.2022 (3rd Call)**	26.04.2022 at 5:30 PM
Bid Document downloading End Date & Time : **(IFB No. 01/2022-23 Dt.18.04.2022)**	06.05.2022 at 3:00 PM
Bid Submission End Date & Time : **(IFB No. 01/2022-23 Dt.18.04.2022)**	06.05.2022 at 5:30 PM
Date of opening of Technical Stage: **(IFB No. 01/2022-23 Dt.18.04.2022)**	07.05.2022 at 11:00 AM
Date of opening of Commercial Stage:(E-Auction) **(IFB No. 01/2022-23 Dt.18.04.2022)**	10.05.2022 at 11:00 AM
Date of opening of Commercial Stage: **(IFB No. 60/2021-22 Dt.15.02.2022)(3rd Call))**	27.04.2022 at 11:00 AM

Further details can be seen @ https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in
Note: E-Auction Applicable for IFB No.01/2022-23 Dt.18.04.2022

Ph: 08394-259114
Fax: 08394-259167

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, I.B, TB Board, TB Dam

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER (Only Through e-Procurement Portal)

BWSSB invites Tenders from Registered Contractors for the following works.

Office of the Chief Engineer (West), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009

Sl No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount put to Tender / EMD Amount	Last date & time for Submission of Tender	Date & time for Opening of Tender
1.	North	BWSSB/ENTE/AE-1/ 35/2022-23 Dated: 08.04.2022	₹ 14,40,088/- / ₹ 36,100/-	02.05.2022 upto 3:00 pm	04.05.2022 at 4:00 pm

Sd/- Executive Engineer (North)

Sl No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount put to Tender / EMD Amount	Last date & time for Submission of Tender	Date & time for Opening of Tender
2.	South West	BWSSB/EESW/TO/PB/149 /2022-23 Dated: 11.04.2022	₹ 17,28,230/- / ₹ 43,300/-	04.05.2022 upto 4:00 pm	06.05.2022 after 3:00 pm

Sd/- Executive Engineer (South-West)

Office of the Chief Engineer (WWM), 5th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009

Sl No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount put to Tender / EMD Amount	Last date & time for Submission of Tender	Date & time for Opening of Tender
3.	STP H.Valley	BWSSB/ESH/PB/38/ 2022-23 Dated: 11.04.2022	₹ 4,95,000/- / ₹ 12,400/-	02.05.2022 upto 4:00 pm	04.05.2022 at 5:00 pm

Sd/- Executive Engineer (STP-H.V)

The detail regarding the tender & participation in the e-procurement portal process can be obtained by logging on to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the undersigned office during working hours.
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Music executive Art Rupe, whose Specialty Records was a premier label during the formative years of rock 'n roll and helped launch the careers of Little Richard, Sam Cooke and many others, has died. He was 104. Rupe, who was inducted into the Rock Hall of Fame in 2011, died Friday at his home in Santa Barbara, California, according to the Arthur N Rupe Foundation. The foundation did not release his cause of death.

EXFILE • POLLUTION

HOW COULD WE CLAMP DOWN ON CAR USE?

Despite the (slow) migration to electric-powered cars, consumer trends are making driving even more wasteful and unequal. A recent analysis found the emissions saved from electric cars have been more than cancelled out by the increase in gas-guzzling SUVs. Around the world, SUVs alone emit more carbon pollution than Canada or Germany, and are causing a bigger increase in climate pollution than heavy industry. Here's a lowdown on how car usage can be reduced

OWNERSHIP INEQUALITY

In the UK, women, young and older people, those from minority communities and disabled people are concentrated in the lowest-income households, of which 40% do not have a car. In contrast, nearly 90% of the highest-income households own at least one car

59 PENCE

In the city of Copenhagen, a calculation was done to reveal that each kilometre cycled benefits society to the tune of 53 pence, whereas each kilometre driven incurs a net loss of 59 pence

LOCAL IS THE KEY

More than 75 per cent of the urban innovations that have successfully reduced car use were led by a local city government, and in particular, those that have proved most effective, such as congestion charges, parking and traffic controls and limited traffic zones

SIX BEST WAYS TO REDUCE CAR USAGE

CONGESTION CHARGES

One of the most effective measures could be making drivers pay to enter the city centre, with the revenues generated going towards alternative means of sustainable transport

PARKING & TRAFFIC CONTROLS

Regulations to remove parking spaces and alter traffic routes, replacing the space formerly dedicated to cars with car-free streets, bike lanes and walkways has proved highly successful in many countries

APPLICATIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY IN CITIES

Mobile phone technology has a growing role in strategies to reduce car use. The Italian city of Bologna, for example, developed an app for people and teams of employees from participating companies to track their mobility. Participants competed to gain points for walking, biking and using public transport, with local businesses offering these app users rewards for achieving points goals

LIMITED TRAFFIC ZONES

Rome, traditionally one of Europe's most congested cities, has shifted the balance towards public transport by restricting car entry to its centre at certain times to residents only, plus those who pay an annual fee

CAR SHARING

Car sharing, where members can easily rent a vehicle for a few hours, have showed promising results in Bremen, Germany and Genoa, Italy, with each shared car replacing between 12 and 15 private vehicles, on average

MOBILITY SERVICES, AN EFFECTIVE SOLUTION

Local government and private companies could collaborate to provide free public transport passes to employees, combined with a shuttle bus to connect transit stops with workplaces. This programme, promoted through a marketing and communication plan, was found to have 37 per cent reduction in the share of commuters travelling into the city centre by car

China's shipbuilding hit by Covid

The lockdown may affect the launch of the country's third aircraft carrier slated for late April

INDUSTRY

BEIJING: The massive surge of Covid-19 cases in Shanghai city has hit China's shipbuilding industry, including the construction of the third aircraft carrier scheduled for launch on April 23.

For over a fortnight, Shanghai—China's business and industrial hub with over 26 million people—has been literally shut down with strict lockdown as the city experienced rampaging spread of the Omicron variant of the coronavirus.

Shanghai reported 3,590 confirmed locally transmitted Covid-19 cases and over 21,500 local asymptomatic carriers on Saturday, the city municipal health commission said on Sunday.

The lockdown has slowed China's shipbuilding plans and may affect the launch of the country's third aircraft carrier, the Hong Kong-based South *China Morning Post* reported on Sunday.

The People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN) was widely expected to launch the aircraft

carrier around its 73rd anniversary on April 23.

But the plan faces delay as the rampant pandemic in Shanghai has delayed the transport of some key components, the Post quoted a source as saying. Construction of the Type 003 aircraft carrier has been underway at the Jiangnan Shipyard on Shanghai's Changxing Island since 2017 and was expected to be ready for launch early this year.

Recent satellite images from Google Earth showed construction of the nearly 320-metre-long platform is almost complete. According to the photos, covers have been put over the vessel's three catapults, indicating they are ready, but the two elevators to lift aircraft from the carrier's hangars have not been fitted fully.

China's first aircraft carrier, the Liaoning, a refit of the Soviet-era ship that was commissioned in 2012 is so far the only Chinese aircraft carrier with initial operational capability or the basic level of combat readiness. China launched its first indigenously built aircraft carrier Shandong in 2019.

However, no official reason has been given for why Shandong has not reached the combat-readiness stage, the Post report said.

The vessel's frame was based on its sister ship, but its interior construction, weapons systems, and training operations are closer to those of the US' Nimitz-class aircraft carriers, which team up with destroyers, frigates, attack submarines and supply vessels to form a strike group. Both are conventionally powered carriers - as is the Type 003—while the country's fourth carrier, on which construction started last year, is likely to be powered by nuclear reactors, the report said.

China plans to build at least four aircraft carrier strike groups by 2030 to become the world's second-biggest modern blue-water navy after the US, it said. Meanwhile, in the first signs of relaxing the lockdown in Shanghai, the government has issued the first edition of epidemic prevention guidelines for the city's industrial enterprises to resume production.

The purpose of the guidelines is to coordinate epidemic control efforts and social economic development.

Released by the Shanghai Municipal Commission of Economy and Informatisation, the guidelines stipulated that all district governments and authorities at different levels should support enterprises to resume operations and guide their epidemic prevention work using a case-by-case approach.

WHO global centre aims to improve traditional medicine

HEALTH

NEW DELHI: The WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine, set to come up in Gujarat, aims at improving the quality and safety of traditional medicinal practices by developing a cohesive approach to healthcare, said the world body's Regional Director Poonam Khetrapal Singh.

The objective is also to develop a mechanism that allows access to such traditional medicinal practices and protects such knowledge, she said. PM Modi along with WHO Director-General Tedros Ghebreyesus will perform the ceremony of the facility in Jamnagar on April 19.

It would be the first global outpost centre for traditional medicine and define the issues that countries face in regulating, integrating and positioning traditional medicine. Asked why the need for establishing the centre has been felt now, Singh told *PTI* that nearly 80 per cent of people in 170 of 194 WHO member countries use traditional medicines and indigenous therapies.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Pandas celebrate 50 years at zoo

ANIMALS

The "cake" was made from frozen fruit juice, sweet potatoes, carrots and sugar cane and it lasted about 15 minutes once giant panda mama Mei Xiang and her cub Xiao Qi Ji got hold of it. The National Zoo's most famous tenants had an enthusiastic breakfast as the zoo celebrated 50 years of its iconic panda exchange agreement with China. Xiao Qi Ji's father Tian Tian largely sat out the morning festivities, munching bamboo in a neighbouring enclosure with the sounds of his chomping clearly audible during a statement by the Chinese ambassador. The ambassador praised the bears as "a symbol of the friendship" between the nations. Pandas are solitary by nature, and in the wild Tian Tian would probably never even meet his child.

China's next space crew

SCIENCE

China will launch three more astronauts to its newest space station in June after the latest crew returned this weekend following a six-month stay in orbit. The crew of the Shenzhou 14 capsule will spend six months on the Tiangong to add two modules to the station, said Hao Chun, director of the China Manned Space Engineering Office. China's space programme launched its first astronaut into orbit in 2003, landed robot rovers on the moon in 2013 and on Mars last year. Officials have discussed a possible crewed mission to the moon. The core module of the Tiangong, or Heavenly Palace, was launched in April 2021. Plans call for finishing construction this year. The Wentian module will be launched in July and the Mengtian module in October, Hao said.

CANINES WITH PEDIGREES

Want to know more about your pet dog? Let's get scientific; here is a DNA test!

GENETICS

WASHINGTON: The routine is now a familiar one: Open the kit, swirl a swab around, put it in solution and wait impatiently for the results. Except this time it's not a test for Covid—it's a DNA test for dogs.

The kits, which are used foremost to learn a dog's breeds, first appeared some 15 years ago and their popularity has since exploded in the United States, where nearly 40% of all families have at least one canine companion.

"Having a dog and integrating them as a member of your family, you want to know where they're from," said Mila Bartos, a Washington lawyer.

One of the most popular test brands, Embark Vet, told *AFP* it experienced 235% growth between 2019 and 2020 alone. And the pandemic has only amplified the trend. At around $100 to $200 a pop, the tests are not cheap. But in a country where dogs are king, the price hasn't been a major deterrent for many pet owners.

In 2020 alone, Americans spent nearly $104 billion on their animal companions, according to the American Pet Products Association—a sum that is the equivalent of the GDP of Slovakia. The tests are simple: a saliva sample is taken from inside a dog's jowl and sent by mail, with results coming back generally two weeks to a month later. Sometimes, when a new pup parent has adopted a purebred dog, the test is meant to verify that there has been no error in the dog's one-breed lineage.

But for the owners of shelter pets, the burning question is—what is my dog?

Bartos, 51, adopted three dogs—Natty, Maisie and Mabel—and did a DNA test for each. Natty, she discovered, is a mix of pit bull, beagle, chow-chow and German shepherd. Results showed she even had a cousin living nearby in Baltimore. With a luxuriously glossy brown coat, Maisie meanwhile turned out to be a descendant of a long line of show dogs. In addition to revealing a dog's breeds, DNA tests can also uncover predisposition to genetic disease.

The most expensive tests allow users to review their pet's DNA in search of genes that cause heart abnormalities, kidney disorders and premature deafness, among other problems. But beware, warns veterinarian Sarah Bowman of Washington: "Just because they have a genetic marker doesn't necessarily mean they also have the condition."

The DNA tests make it possible to be cognizant of the risk and to exercise greater caution, she said. Levi Novey, a 42-year-old consultant in the state of Virginia, said that getting a test allowed him to make more sense of his tiny dog Summer's behaviour.

Developing countries left behind in AI race

TECHNOLOGY

COTTINGHAM: Artificial Intelligence (AI) is much more than just a buzzword nowadays. It powers facial recognition in smartphones and computers, translation between foreign languages, systems that filter spam emails and identify toxic content on social media and can even detect cancerous tumours. These examples, along with countless other existing and emerging applications of AI, help make people's daily lives easier, especially in the developed world.

As of October 2021, 44 countries were reported to have their own national AI strategic plans, showing their willingness to forge ahead in the global AI race. These include emerging economies like China and India, which are leading the way in building national AI plans within the developing world.

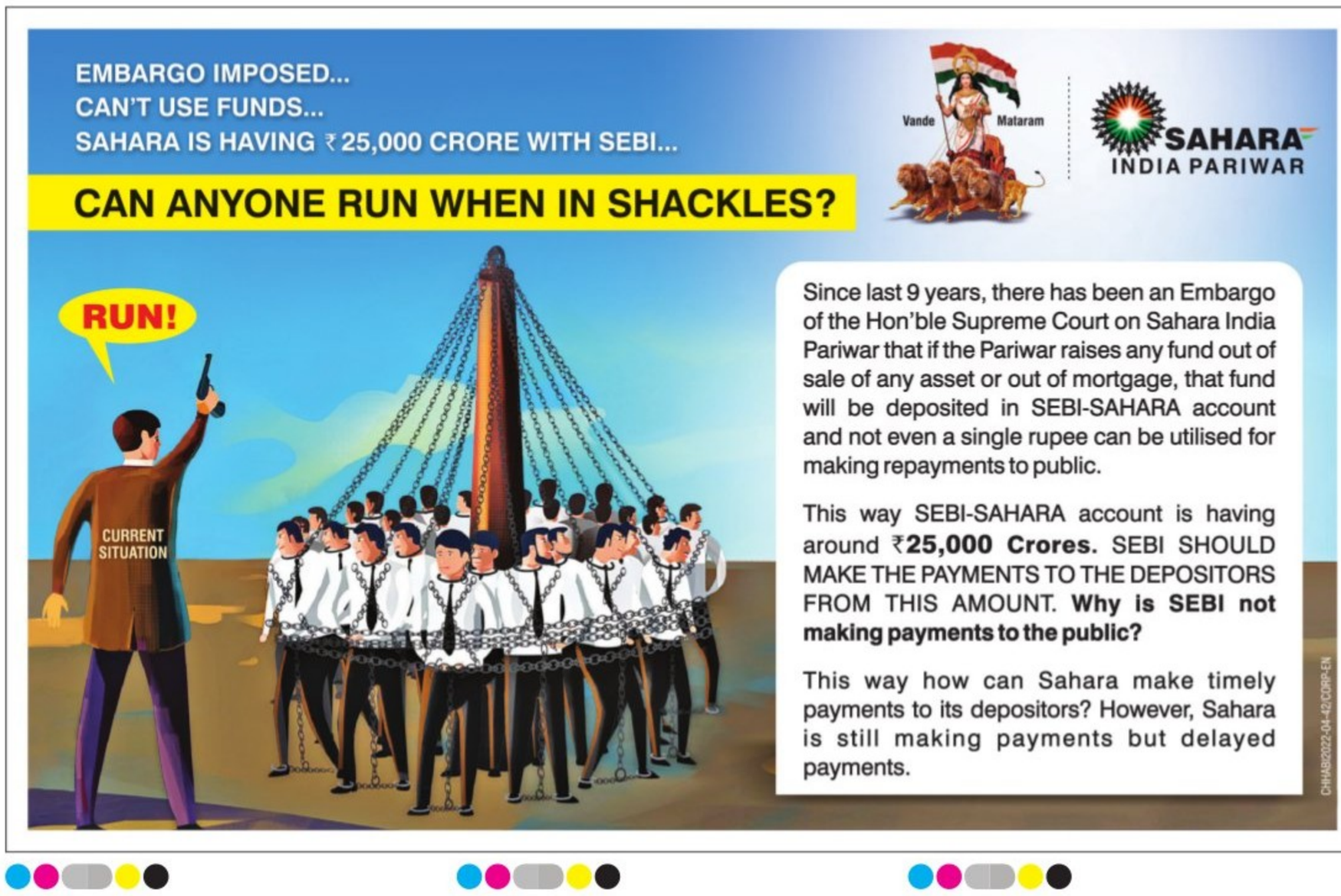
Oxford Insights, a consultancy firm that advises organisations and governments on matters relating to digital transformation, has ranked the preparedness of 160 countries across the world when it comes to using AI in public services. The US ranks first in their 2021 Government AI Readiness Index, followed by Singapore and the UK. Notably, the lowest-scoring regions in this index include much of the developing world, such as sub-Saharan Africa, the Carribean and Latin America, as well as some central and south Asian countries.

The developed world has an inevitable edge in making rapid progress in the AI revolution. With greater economic capacity, these wealthier countries are naturally best positioned to make large investments in the research and development needed for creating modern AI models.

In contrast, developing countries often have more urgent priorities, such as education, sanitation, healthcare and feeding the population, which override any significant investment in digital transformation. In this climate, AI could widen the digital divide that already exists between developed and developing countries.

AI is traditionally defined as 'the science and engineering of making intelligent machines'.

To solve problems and perform tasks, AI models generally look at past information and learn rules for making predictions based on unique patterns in the data. AI is a broad term, comprising two main areas 'machine learning and deep learning.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Since last 9 years, there has been an Embargo of the Hon'ble Supreme Court on Sahara India Pariwar that if the Pariwar raises any fund out of sale of any asset or out of mortgage, that fund will be deposited in SEBI-SAHARA account and not even a single rupee can be utilised for making repayments to public.
This way SEBI-SAHARA account is having around ₹25,000 Crores. SEBI SHOULD MAKE THE PAYMENTS TO THE DEPOSITORS FROM THIS AMOUNT. Why is SEBI not making payments to the public?
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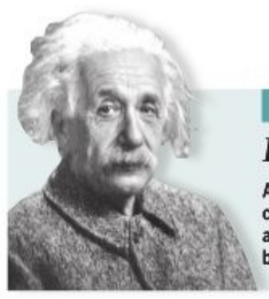

DAY'S DIARY

Passing of a genius

Albert Einstein, one of the most celebrated intellects in history and the man who gave us $E=mc^2$, breathed his last on this day in 1955

OF LIFE AND DEATH

It was internal bleeding caused by the rupture of an abdominal aortic aneurysm that led to his death. He refused surgery, remarking it "tasteless to prolong life artificially"

VIOLATION OF DIGNITY

While Einstein had wanted his body cremated and ashes scattered discretely to deter idolaters, the autopsy had his brain and eyes removed with permission

IN THE NAME OF SCIENCE

While his eyes are still in storage in New York, his brain is still being studied by researchers around the world, 67 years after his death

Srinivasa Rao recreates Appu's voice

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You can spot freckles on Alia's face. But she owns it and looks comfortable

Prakruthi Ananth, makeup artist

Alia has always tried to look herself. She has a young-looking petite face and has not fallen prey to trends

Ralph Daniels, celebrity makeup artist

Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor's recent wedding has been the talk of the town, especially with Alia keeping her bridal look simple. City makeup artists break down the look and tell us what makes it tick

Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor on their wedding day

MINIMAL MAKEUP, MAXIMAL EFFECT

MONIKA MONALISA

RALPH Daniels, city-based celebrity makeup artist, has been getting requests from four clients, all brides-to-be, that they too would like to try out actor Alia Bhatt's wedding look for their D-day. "Though all their looks have been finalised, I am still getting requests that they want to recreate Alia's look. I texted Puneet Saini, who is Alia's makeup artist and has done her wedding look as well, saying, 'Look what you have done' and we had a good laugh about it," Daniels says.

His clients can't be blamed either, because Bhatt's look came as a whiff of fresh air, perfect for this hot summer. The key, Daniels points out, is Alia's understanding of what works for her. "She has always tried to look herself. She has a young-looking petite face and has not fallen prey to trends. The trends that brides usually go for are the biggest trap because five years down the line, the pictures are going to look dated," explains Daniels, who recently worked with Bangalore girl Deepika Padukone. He often advises his clients that they should not follow cult crazes like fake feathery eyelashes which don't work in reality. "For example, Alia's look won't go well for a South Indian look...or Deepika's wedding look would have worked for Alia either," says Daniels, adding that it is also important to take care of your skin for any makeup to look good.

Ranbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt during their mehendi ceremony

Agrees celebrity makeup artist Prakruthi Ananth, who says more than makeup, the important aspect is skin care. "Alia has a good skin care routine and she really takes care of her skin. You can see it in her previous pictures," says Ananth, who has done makeup for actors like Sruthi Hariharan, Andrea Jeremiah to name a few. According to her, the key also lies in carrying any look with confidence. "In some of the pictures that have come out, you can see freckles on Alia's face. But she owns it and looks comfortable," says Ananth.

One might ask if a similar look works well for those with brown skin. Swarna Nagaraj, a city-based wedding makeup artist, says it might but brides are usually hesitant about it. "Most Indian brides usually go for a red and gold-toned outfit, so these might not look great on them. Also, the D-day is a big day in a bride's life so they don't want to risk it by exposing 'flaws' in the skins," explains Nagaraj.

Nasir, a 2020-based Tamil drama, which was screened in Bengaluru for the first time, is based on the life of a salesman and his everyday moments

Raising the ordinary to extraordinary

FACTS ABOUT THE MOVIE

- The movie is based on a short story, *A Clerk's Tale* by Dilip Kumar
- Arun Karthick's second feature film Nasir had its World Premiere at the International Film Festival Rotterdam 2020, where it won the NETPAC Award for Best Asian Film
- An Indo-Dutch co production, the film was theatrically released across 21 screens in the Netherlands to rave reviews

MONIKA MONALISA

HOW often do we find special moments in the mundane? *Nasir*, a 2020-based Tamil drama, revolves around a middle-aged apparel shop worker who lives a content life. Mostly confined to a crowded ghetto, his aspirations are nothing extraordinary. Over the course of a single day, he shows how love and compassion triumph any bigotry and division.

Having been screened at various film festivals, the movie was screened in Bengaluru for the first time at the Bangalore International Centre. The Tamil movie, which has English subtitles, has Valavane Koumarane playing the title role and actor Sudha Ranganathan and Taj Sabari also playing important roles Along with the screening, the movie's director Arun Karthick was in conversation with screenwriter and producer Thani Mudaliar. The movie premiered at the International Film Festival Rotterdam 2020 where it won a prize in the 'Asian Film' category. "It started its journey in 2020 and got selected to be part of the Bangalore International Film Festival 2021. But owing to the pandemic, things didn't go as planned. This year the festival was on the list but films from last year could not be carried forward," says Mudaliar.

(Top): A still from the film; (Above): Thani Mudaliar

The movie premiered in Bengaluru in collaboration with LeftBank Film Society, of which Mudaliar is a part of. Mudaliar, who has been a co-writer for Anurag Kashyap's *Bombay Velvet* and *Zubaan*, says they want to do good films even if it does not cater to commercial success.

"It is a film that has never been shown in Bengaluru. These were more than enough reasons to bring it here," says Mudaliar, adding that the movie is about finding extraordinary moments in ordinary goings-on.

Debolina Ray, a Bengaluru-based food & travel blogger who runs a blog called She Knows Grub, dishes out fun food-related trivia in this weekly series. So, answer these three questions and find out how much of a foodie you are

GRUB HUB

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'**

The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*. The first prize winner this week will win a voucher worth ₹750, RNR Donne Biryani **

THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1) Mango Pachadi 2) Vishu Kanji 3) Meethe Peeley Chawal; Saffron

FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1. Ganapathy V 2. Richa Kulshreshtha 3. Uma

***Conditions apply**

CITY READ

College launches cultural fest

Krupanidhi Group of Institutions launched the Annual Cultural fest, Element7 at the Carmelaram campus. The launch witnessed a bikers rally followed by students' flash mob from various departments. The main events of the cultural fest will take place on April 29 and 30 at KGI Bengaluru. The event includes various competitions like dance, singing, fashion, beat boxing, DJ night and a live concert by playback singer Benny Dayal.

School conducts ceremony for students

BGS NPS School organised Jyothirdaan 2021-22, a blessing ceremony for the students for Classes 10 and 12. The ceremony was attended by Nirmalanandanath Mahaswamiji, president, Sri Adichunchanagiri Shikshana Trust, K P Puthuraya, former director of Research and Development, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, DN Munikrishna, retired IPS officer among others.

ANILA KURIAN

Show of strength

Becoming the youngest female lifter wasn't an easy task but Maryam Mohammed's focus helped her achieve it

AMONG the many champions who participated in the event, it was 13-year-old Maryam Mohammed who became the youngest female lifter to set a deadlift record in the Push-Pull Championship. Sports establishment Professional Raw organised the first championship at Onyx Fitness which Mohammed was a part of. There were over 300 athletes from across the country who registered themselves for the event.

It's not the first win for the young lifter either. Speaking to *CE*, she says, "It's the fourth competition that I have won so far. I started powerlifting two and half years ago, when the pandemic started and schools went online." Her father, Mohammed Azmat, who is a powerlifter himself, has been doing it for over three decades now. "He's my biggest inspiration. He's the one who trains me and my younger brother has also started participating in competitions now," Mohammed says.

Maryam Mohammed lifting weight during the tournament

She spends her weekdays on school work and uses her weekends to train. The basement of their home has been converted into a gym set-up which has helped her practice more. "I know there are many strong people out there but all I do is focus on the bar and just lift it. There's nothing else to do," she says, adding that her younger brother is more focused, something she is working on.

While Mohammed is hoping to get better and win more awards, her father encourages another strategy. "Medals can always be achieved but if they grow up without character, it won't be of any use," he says, pointing out that Mohammed always grew up watching him practice in their home set-up. "After she was born, my wife needed my help at home. So, I set up a gym to spend more time at home. Maryam grew up watching me lift weights and when she was finally ready, she showed interest," he explains.

He adds that neither of the children was 'forced' into following in their father's footsteps. "Seeing them be happy with what they want to do is what I encourage them to follow. They were never forced to follow my footsteps but it's definitely an icing on top for them to have shown interest," Azmat says.

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COFFEE BREAK

Beat the heat with Maverick & Farmer's range of coffee beverages curated for summer. Some of the brews and blends in the offering include Cinnamon Almond Coffee, Espresso Citron, Vietnamese iced Coffee, the Coffee Cherry Soda, the Clarified Cappuccino and the Old Smokey Pour over.
Where: Ulsoor
Details: 6366230336

SUMMER COLLECTION

United Colours of Benetton is launching an assorted range of Spring/Summer collections this year. The collection for women features macaron shades, while the men can choose from a wide range of heritage style fashion with colours like olive, khaki, beige and sienna.
Available at Benetton website.

BINGE WATCH

Catch your favourite thrillers and drama, as Bookmyshow is streaming a series of originals this month. Some of the movies include *The Batman, Hard Sun, Moonfall, Copy Killers, The Fallout, Room 203* and much more.

DANCE EVENT

Dance company Prabhat Arts International will be presenting a new dance musical - 18 days- The Kurukshetra war. The musical dance show is directed by artistes Bharat R Prabhath and Sharat R Prabhath.
When: April 23, 6:15pm-8pm **Where:** Ravindra Kalakshetra, JC Road
Tickets: bookmyshow.com

CATCH STANDUP COMEDIAN **VIPUL GOYAL** PERFORM LIVE IN BENGALURU **WHEN:** APRIL 22 **WHERE:** BROOKFIELD MALL **TICKETS:** BOOKMYSHOW.COM

Music Extravaganza

Several musical artistes are presenting different connoisseurs of art to mark the 29th Sri Ramanavami Sangeetotsava. The month long event will feature artistes including Kanchana sisters, Amit Nadig, Malladi brothers, Arun Kumar among others. **When:** Till May 2 **Where:** Sri Vani Vidya Kendra, Basaveshwaranagar
Details: 9606945236

Live-in Concert

Bengaluru-based band Agam will be performing live at Forum Koramangala. The band specialises in Carnatic progressive rock music and features artistes like Harish Sivaramakrishnan (vocals), Swamy Seetharaman (keyboards and lyricist), T Praveen Kumar (lead guitar) among others. **When:** April 23, 6:30 pm onwards
Tickets: insider.in

Dance alert

On the eve of World Dance Day, Ashish Mohan Khokar's 'attenDance' will see its 22nd edition. 108 dancers will participate, including Vani Ganapathy and Lalitha Srinivasan. **When:** April 28, 6 pm
Where: Khincha Auditorium, Race Course Road

Short play festival

Pravara Theatre and Ashvagosha Theatre Trust are organising Bengaluru Short Play Festival 2022 to set up a platform to stage short impactful plays and bring the theatre fraternity together. The screenings will be held between **April 30** and **May 1** **Where:** Prabhath K H Kalasoudha Hanumanthanagara

Iftar meals

Iftar Special Ramadan Feast menu at The Leela Bhartiya City Bengaluru includes Arabic mezze, gourmet dates, Sujuk kebabs, along with haleem. Sherbat like Tamar Hind, Laban, Karkadeh and Pistachio Baklavas and Gourmet Dates are also included in the buffet spread. **Priced:** ₹ 1550++ per person **When:** Till May 1

Skilling Up

Education platform Empowered Minds is conducting certified technology teachers training workshop to help them upgrade themselves to the latest way of teaching. **When:** April 23, 10:30 am-3pm **Where:** The Chancery, Lavelle Road **Details:** 99002 46988

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

CHILLI OIL DIP

INGREDIENTS
- **Spring onion:** 30 g
- **Oil:-** ½ cup, **Salt**
- **Chilli flakes:** 1 tbsp
- **Chilli powder:** 1/2 tbsp
- **Soy sauce:** 1/2 tbsp
- **Garlic:** 2 cloves
- **Vinegar:** 2 tsp, **Water**

METHOD
- In a bowl (don't use plastic), add all your ingredients except oil and water, and set it aside.
- Heat oil over medium flame. Pour it into the bowl with the spice mixture. Mix well and add a few tablespoons of water to create the dipping sauce.
- Serve alongside dumplings, momos, spring rolls or fried foods.

–Shajadi, Chennai (Instagram: @burstdumpling)

SOUND BOARD

ON THE CONTRARY
Host and thought leader, Arun Maira brings two experts from different fields, regions, and worldviews to explore their similarities and differences on a topic, to find a new, shared understanding.
- On Google Podcast

I HEAR YOU
After a near-fatal car crash, Priyamvada Parmar's life changes – she discovers that she is clairaudient and can hear voices from beyond the grave. But is this a boon or a curse?
- On Spotify

THE RANVEER SHOW
Ranveer Allahbadia aka BeerBiceps brings you #TheRanveerShow. Every episode has been designed to bring you some kind of value add.
- On Spotify

ECHOES OF INDIA: A HISTORY PODCAST
Host Anirudh Kanisetti takes you on a journey through its wonders, from the Greek art of Afghanistan to the thriving ports of Tamil Nadu. From philosophy to politics to economics, the past comes back to life.
- On Apple Podcast

IDEAS OF INDIA
Through conversations with top thinkers in the social sciences and beyond, economist Shruti Rajagopalan explores the ideas that will propel India forward.
- On Spotify

WHAT'S UP SISTER?
Join sisters Kritika and Deeksha for a fun podcast about all things in life and weekly dose of girl talk.
- On Apple Podcast

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

DHARMADURAI
Dharmadurai, a heartbroken doctor, turns to alcohol and becomes the source of embarrassment for his family. However, a meeting with an old friend changes his life for good.
Cast: Vijay Sethupathi, Srushti Dange, Aishwarya Rajesh, Tamannaah

IRAIVI
Three men, who are financially struggling, get involved in criminal activities to improve their financial status. However, they end up in prison and their wives are forced to lead an independent life.
Cast: Vijay Sethupathi, Bobby Simha, SJ Surya, Anjali

NAMMAVAR
Selvam, the new vice principal of a college, tries to transform the behaviour of troublemaking students while fighting an inner war.
Cast: Kamal Haasan, Gautami, Karan, Nagesh

AATHI
Aadhi comes to Chennai for his education and meets Anjali, falling in love with her. Soon, they learn that they are both on a mission to avenge the death of their parents.
Cast: Vijay, Prakash Raj, Trisha, Vivek

JOKER
Mannar Mannan, a villager, declares himself as the president of India and fights corruption and social injustices.
Cast: Guru Somasundaram, Ramya Pandian, Gayathri

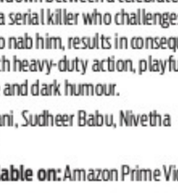
WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 MY SECRET TO CREATING REAL MAGIC BY CHRISTINA TOSI
In an infectiously joyous talk, Milk Bar founder Christina Tosi shares the sugary jolt of her first food memory and behind-the-scenes stories of her bakery's inventive cakes, cookies and treats. This talk may make you hungry – but it'll also leave you a resonant message about how breaking the rules and challenging your assumptions can make for a sweet life.

2 THE COUNTERINTUITIVE PSYCHOLOGY OF INSURANCE BY ORIT TYKOCINSKI
The real reason you buy insurance may have as much to do with pleasing your psyche as it does protecting your wallet. Behavioural psychologist Orit Tykocinski explores the connection between insurance and risks of "magical thinking" that may make you reconsider your own rationale.

3 WHAT NATURE CAN TEACH US ABOUT SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS BY ERIN MEEZAN
From glue alternatives inspired by gecko's feet to factories that produce a net benefit to the environment, Interface's VP and chief sustainability officer Erin Meezan explains how we can look to nature to learn how to make business more sustainable. She invites us to imagine what we can redesign in our own lives, with nature in mind.

4 A SEX THERAPIST'S SECRET TO REDISCOVERING YOUR SPARK BY IAN KERNER
Sex therapist Ian Kerner hears about a common problem from his patients: "failure to launch," or the inability to build and maintain sexual momentum. What's the solution? Kerner shares advice on how to cultivate your erotic imagination and get back on the "arousal runway."



5 4 KINDS OF REGRET – AND WHAT THEY TEACH YOU ABOUT YOURSELF BY DANIEL H. PINK
Over the past two years, author Daniel H. Pink has collected a trove of more than 16,000 regrets from people in 105 countries in an effort to better understand this mysterious emotion. He shares the key patterns that emerged and explains how to transform your own regrets in order to create the life you've always wanted to live.

FIT BIT

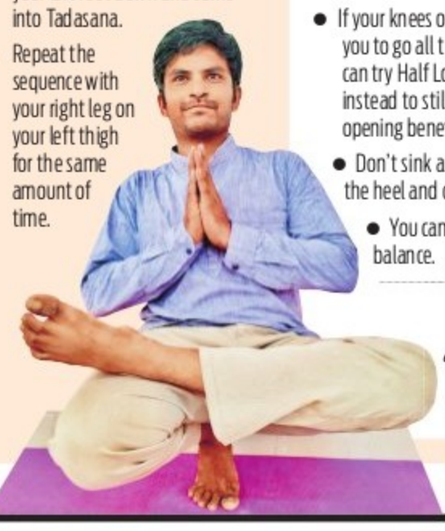
ARDHA PADMA PRAPADASANA
(HALF LOTUS TIPTOE POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'ardha' means half, 'padma' means lotus, 'pra' means forward/before, 'pad' means foot and 'asana' means pose. The two most challenging aspects of the pose are the amount of external rotation required in the hips and the amount of balance and focus that is required to stay in the pose. Open hips are a big part of a yoga practice because tight hips can place a greater demand and load on the spine contributing to many types of back pain. Practice in the presence of an expert.

STEPS
- Start in Tadasana (Mountain Pose). Then, exhale and come into the position of Malasana (Garland Pose).
- Now, bring your feet together and slowly lift your heels off the floor. Balance your body on your toes and keep your back straight.
- Then, bring your right knee on the floor and place your left heel on your right thigh.
- Now, you can inhale and lift your right knee off the floor.
- In this position, balance your body on your toes.
- Now, bring your palms together near to the centre of your chest and focus in between your eyebrows.
- Stay in this pose for 3 to 6 long breaths.
- To come out of this pose, bring your left foot down and come into Tadasana.
- Repeat the sequence with your right leg on your left thigh for the same amount of time.

BENEFITS
- Improves concentration and sense of balance. Strengthens the feet, hips, joints, ankles, calves, knees and thighs.
- It stretches the hip flexors, hamstrings and groins.
- It helps to stimulate the Muladhara (Root Chakra).
- Regular practice of this asana strengthens core muscles.
- Thi asana is more beneficial to open hips.
- Regular practice helps to activate the reproductive system.
- If you practice this asana regularly, it helps for flat feet.

LIMITATIONS
- People suffering from severe leg or hip injuries, knee pain, sciatica or achilles heel injury should avoid this.
- If your knees or ankles don't allow you to go all the way down, you can try Half Lotus Chair Pose instead to still receive all the hip opening benefits.
- Don't sink all of your weight into the heel and calf.
- You can also use a wall for balance.



By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

BADHAAI DO (Hindi)
Instead of coming out to their families, a gay man and a lesbian enter into a marriage of convenience to appease their parents. Chaos soon ensues when the woman's girlfriend comes to live with the unlikely couple.
Cast: Rajkummar Rao, Bhumi Pednekar, Chum Darang, Gulshan Devaiah
- **Available on:** Netflix

83 (Hindi)
Amid doubt and derision, indomitable captain Kapil Dev leads India's struggling cricket team to make history at the 1983 World Cup.
Cast: Ranveer Singh, Deepika Padukone, Pankaj Tripathi
- **Available on:** Netflix

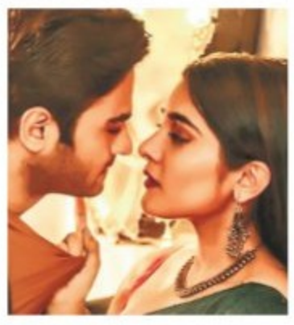
DASVI (Hindi)
Jailed under a tough cop, an uneducated politician decides to spend his time studying for high school, while his scheming wife has plans of her own.
Cast: Abhishek Bachchan, Yami Gautam, Nimrat Kaur
- **Available on:** Netflix

ZINDAGI NA MILEGI DOBARA (Hindi)
Three friends on an adventurous road trip/bachelor party in Spain learn some lessons about themselves and each other that will change them forever.
Cast: Hrithik Roshan, Abhay Deol, Farhan Akhtar
- **Available on:** Netflix

PUSHPA: THE RISE (Telugu)
Pushpa Raj a coolie, volunteers to smuggle red sanders, a rare wood that only grows in Andhra, with the help of novel ideas to smuggle the red sanders. Pushpa quickly becomes the leader of the red sanders smuggling network. While Pushpa is at his prime, a ruthless police officer Bhanwar Singh Shekhawat takes charge as SP and ridicules Pushpa for his lineage.
Cast: Allu Arjun, Fahadh Faasil, Rashmika Mandanna
- **Available on:** Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

DOCTOR (Tamil)
When his fiance's niece is kidnapped, a stoic army doctor and his motley team launch a rescue operation in which they need both wit and their wits.
When: Sivakarthikeyan, Vinay Rai, Priyanka Arul Mohan
- **Available on:** Netflix



V (Tamil)
The showdown between a celebrated cop and a serial killer who challenges the former to nab him, results in consequences laced with heavy-duty action, playful romance and dark humour.
Cast: Nani, Sudheer Babu, Nivetha Thomas
- **Available on:** Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

CHERNOBYL (English)
In April 1986, the city of Chernobyl in the Soviet Union suffers one of the worst nuclear disasters in the history of mankind. Consequently, many heroes put their lives on the line to save Europe.
Cast: Jared Harris, Stellan Skarsgard, Paul Ritter, Emily Watson
- **Available on:** Disney+ Hotstar

THE GRAND BUDAPEST HOTEL (English)
Gustave H, a concierge, is wrongly framed for murder at the Grand Budapest Hotel. In the process of proving his innocence, he befriends a lobby boy.
Cast: Ralph Fiennes, Billy Murray, Tilda Swinton, Tony Revolori
- **Available on:** Disney+ Hotstar

TWENTY FIVE TWENTY ONE (Korean)
In a time when dreams seem out of reach, a teen fencer pursues big ambitions and meets a hardworking young man who seeks to rebuild his life.
Cast: Kim Tae-ri, Nam Joo-hyuk, Kim Ji-yeon
- **Available on:** Netflix

THE IN BETWEEN (English)
After losing the love of her life in a tragic accident, a broken hearted teen begins to believe that he's sending her signs from beyond the grave.
Cast: Joey King, Kyle Allen, Kim Dickens
- **Available on:** Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION
Disney+Hotstar: ₹ 499 per year
Apple TV: ₹ 99 per month
Prime Video: ₹ 179 per month
Netflix: ₹ 149 per month

DUAL IDENTITIES

Lawyer & DJ, trekker & tracker, banker & bartender...here are some city-based individuals who switch roles by day and dusk

SANATH PRASAD

WITH changing times, come sweeping choices that are changing the course of our professional lives. A lawyer and DJ; a banker-turned-bartender; a hotelier and motivational speaker; and a Covid-19 warrior and mountaineering trainer.

Carrisa D'Almedia (27) is a corporate lawyer by day and DJ by night. She grew up with strong ties with music and currently plays disco house and deep house DJ genres. From playing music in front of an empty dance floor to making nearly 500 music-lovers groove to her beats, the lawyer has come a long way. "After getting a job as a corporate lawyer handling regulatory compliance, I felt I wanted to do a lot more for myself. Since I grew up listening to music, I decided to take up DJing in 2019. I used to work from 9am-5pm and train as a DJ from 6pm-8pm. I would do this four times a week. My first show in Koramanagala saw only friends dancing, but got my biggest breakthrough at Farout Left Music Festival that saw over 500 people grooving to my music," says Almedia.

Meanwhile, weekends for some can mean real business. Hotelier Ruthuparna Sharma is on his toes. He is managing his family's hotel business. While he is dishing out hot idlis and vadaes for customers, he dishes out some food for thought on other days. The motivational speaker conducts leadership talks at colleges and business organisations. "The pandemic has validated the need to dabble in two work cycles, even though they may be contrasting. I love storytelling and have met interesting personalities at the hotel. This is what inspired me to share real-life stories with people. It later moulded into motivational sessions," says the 28-year-old.

For Naveen Mallesh, a frontline worker with BBMP, dabbling with trekking and tracking was an arduous task. Founder of Trek Nomads, Mallesh is also a mountaineer trainer and was a frontline worker during the Covid peaks. Although he was associated with the Bengaluru south zone war room since early March 2020, the second wave of the pandemic in April 2021 is when both his contrasting jobs met each other. "I was away on a trek in mid-April with fellow members at the Mount Everest base in Nepal. Out of the 12 who signed up, only three turned up... the rest were Covid positive. As the situation got worse every day, I was asked to intervene to track the Covid-19 situation in the south zone. I was at the base and had to use satellite WiFi to connect with the war room in Bengaluru. So I was a trekker by morning and a tracker by evening," says Mallesh, who recently trained over 800 kids in trekking and adventure sports at Ramanagara while he continues to be engaged in voluntary Covid-19 work.

Bankers are good with numbers. And so was Kasturi Banerjee who worked as a banker for 16 years. But what fascinated her is the world of spirits. She calls herself a 'banker-turned-bartender', who is also a mixologist, distiller and taster. Now, the founder of Stilldistilling Spirits and the blender for Makazai.rum, a rum brand, she says, "I loved my job as a banker however, I felt that India being one of the largest exporters of sugarcane, we did not have a premium rum brand other than Old Monk. A lot of banking traits, especially managing finances and working long hours, helped me in setting up my business," says Banerjee, who was at Social Indiranagar for a panel discussion recently.

Carrisa D' Almedia

Ruthuparna Sharma

Naveen Mallesh

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Survival of the fittest in the medieval age

ARE YOU GAME?
Anusha Ganapathi
@quofles

(This economics graduate spends her leisure time preparing for the zombie apocalypse)

Categorising Medieval Dynasty into a certain type of game is proving to be far more difficult than it was to hunt deer with sticks. It is part survival, part simulation-sandbox, part town-building strategy and very medieval. In the game, we start as a landless young man on the outskirts of a town. Young man learns to pick up sticks and stones, make an axe, cut a tree, harvest a reed, and build a house. This is where Medieval Dynasty stops being High-Quality Minecraft.

Young man soon realises that he is hungry, and can no longer live in isolation to feed himself. The game now introduces quests. This put us in contact with different people that live in prosperous villages. Young man must gain favour from his fellow NPCs, so that he can build his legacy. In the process of fighting beasts, building a small village, and razing down bushes — days pass into nights, weeks, and seasons. Young man becomes an old man. But his legacy perseveres, that is, if he manages to find his soulmate fast enough.

Medieval Dynasty has several virtues — of which the best is the ease of customisation. At any point in the game, we can choose to decide how relaxing or challenging we would like our experience to be. The sensitivity of the hunger-thirst-stamina triad, and the restrictive inventory capacity can all be done away with if we want a peaceful gameplay experience. Yes, it is cool that the game allows us to build windmills to double our flour supply. But have you met a game that can shift seamlessly from first to third person? The average survival-gamer would disagree, but I think it's pretty cool that Medieval Dynasty allows me to enjoy realistic medieval pastures while my player hacks through a forest. My only gripe with the game is that it does not allow for a woman character starter option — I do hope that this is fixed in future updates, unless the Medieval Dynasty universe considers women to be non-existent pre 1500 AD.

After over a year in Early Access, the game is available on the PC. If you are a survival/simulation enthusiast, Medieval Dynasty is enjoyable in its current form, and worth a try.

Of good cheer

EXPRESS FEATURES

ROYAL Challengers Bangalore (RCB) may not have been lucky so far in bagging the cup but they have completely lucked out with loyal fans who still root for them. With the current season of the Indian Premier league (IPL) still going on, fans have now come up with a song, *RCB Anthem 2022*, which has been sung and written by Kannada rapper Gubbi, while the music is by Sriram Gandharva. It is produced by Subashini Srinivas. " I am a hardcore RCB fan. I have always tried to be at the stadium to cheer the team whenever there have been matches in Bengaluru. As a music lover, the best tribute I can give my favourite team is a musical anthem," says Srinivas.

RCB appointed their captain, Faf du Plessis, in March. And Srinivas says the idea behind the song is to cheer the new RCB team with a 'brand new, inspirational' song. "The song includes a mix of Indian tradition, rap music, hip-hop, rock and western dance...It also has fire-blowing sequences," says Srinivas, adding that around ₹2.5 lakh was spent in the making of the song.

The song features the team's super fan Sugumar D in the song. Sugumar, a common face in the stadium during a Bengaluru match, paints his face and body in the colour red to cheer the team. "Along with RCB, there is a separate fanbase for Sugumar as well. He is like the unofficial mascot of the team," she adds.

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SMARTADS

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **USHA KIRAN,** W/o Kiran Kasturi, aged about 54 years, R/a No. 285, S.L.V. Paradise, 3rd Main, 7th Cross, Ramanjaneya Nagar, Chikkalasandra, Bengaluru-560061, I have changed my name from **M.S. USHA** to **USHA KIRAN,** vide affidavit dated 11-04-2022 sworn before **VARIJA .C.J,** Advocate and Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MEHTAB KAUSAR BAGALKOT,** W/o Sayed Mudassar Bagalkot, aged about 35 years, R/a #SF1, Nasco Olives, 1st Cross, 2nd Block, Dr. S. Kumar Layout, Nagayana Palya, Maruthi Seva Nagar, Bangalore-560033, Karnataka State, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MEHTAB KAUSAR SAYED MUDASSAR BAGALKOT** to **MEHTAB KAUSAR BAGALKOT,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MEHTAB KAUSAR BAGALKOT,** only, vide affidavit dated 16-04-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **D. GUNASHEKAR,** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHUBHAM REDDY PALLUGULA,** resident of Vimarsha Residency 2, Flat No. F4, 29th Main, 2nd Cross, Behind AXA Building, BTM Layout, 1st Stage, Bengaluru - 560 068, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHUBHAM REDDY PALUGULA** to **SHUBHAM REDDY PALLUGULA** vide affidavit dated 16.4.2022 sworn to before Arun R. Naik, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RAJAMMA JAGARLAMUDI, W/o. Lakshmaiah Naidu Jagarlamudi, Residing at # 4 & 5, Prakruthi Gangamma Gudi Extn, J.B. Kaval, VTC Jalahalli, Bangalore-560013, have changed my name to **RADHAMMA JAGARLAMUDI** vide affidavit dated: 16.04.2022 before Notary K.V. MANI, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO JC-311535M SUB GAJANAN.B of unit 417 FD COY, 19 ENGR REGT, C/O 56 APO, Pin: 914019, Have changed My son Name from **(OLD NAME) SEEDARTH BHOYAR** to **(NEW NAME) BHOYAR SIDHARTH** Vide Affidavit Dated 16.04.2022 Sworn Before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SHAKUNTHALA M. W/o. Nettakallappa Lakkappa, aged about 22 years, residing at Near Maramma Temple, Hosadoddi, Manchanayakanahalli Post. Bidadi Hobli. Ramanagar Tq & Dist, Pin- 562109 have changed my name to **ARCHANA NETTAKALLAPPA** vide affidavit dated 14-04-2022 sworn to before Advocate and notary M.K. Devaki, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Sri ANIL KUMAR SAMMETA,** S/o Late Lokanadha Rao Sammeta, aged about 44 years, R/a No. 39, 'Indira Nivas', Ground Floor, Sailake Habitat, Behind Krishna Naik Layout, Virgonagar Post, Hirandahalli, Bengaluru-560049, do hereby declare that my daughter's correct name is **BAVAGNA SAMMETA,** but in some records her name is mentioned has **SAMMETA BAVAGNA** instead of **BAVAGNA SAMMETA,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **BAVAGNA SAMMETA** only, vide affidavit dated 14-04-2022 sworn before Advocate and Notary, **A.R. MUNEER AHMED** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SIDDARAJU BETTAPPA** (New Name), S/o BETTAPPA, Aged about 50 years, Resident at NO.54, 2ND MAIN, MOOKAMBIKA NAGAR, HOSAKEREHALLI, BENGALURU-560085, KARNATAKA, that I have changed my name from **SIDDARAJU** (Old Name) to **SIDDARAJU BETTAPPA** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **SIDDARAJU BETTAPPA** (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : **C.V.EARAPPA,** before Notary 16/04/2022 at BENGALURU

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SADATHULLA SHARIEFF,** aged about 49 years S/o. Late Mehaboob Sharieff, R/a D1-162, DLF Westend Heights, Akshaya nagar Main Road, Begur, Bangalore-560068, have changed my name from **SADATHULLA SHARIEFF MEHBOOB SHARIEFF** to **SADATHULLA SHARIEFF** vide affidavit Dated: 15/04/2022 before Notary B.M. CHANDRASHEKAR, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO JC- 313282F NB/ SUB SHAIK NAYABRASOOL of unit: DEMOB CELL, DEPOT BN, MEG & CENTRE, BANGALORE 560042, Have Changed My Daughter **(OLD NAME) YASMEEN** to **(NEW NAME) SHAIK YASMEEN** Vide Affidavit Dated 13.04.2022 Sworn Before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) S. SUGANTHA** spouse of NO 16114757L HAV SENTHAMIZHSUTHIR.S Residing at Puliyadi Street, Kurungudi (vill), Kandamangalam (post), Kattumannarkoli (Tk), Cuddalore (Dist), Tamil Nadu (state), Pin : 608301, Have changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) SUGANTHA .C** Vide Affidavit Dated 16.04.2022 sworn Before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
This is to notify that Ankur Rajkumar Jain, whose name has been officially recorded in this form in Indian Navy and HAL, as per his educational certificates, will now be known as Ankur Jain in all the official records. Affidavit No. IN-KA92085291589310U dated 11-04-2022 sworn to before Advocate and notary C.V. Earappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RATHAN KUMAR .A,** S/o R. Ananda Reddy, aged about 42 years, R/a No. 42, 19th 'J' Cross, Kaggadasapura, C.V. Raman Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560093, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor daughter's name from **JAGRUTHI** to **AVIKSHA SRIJANI,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **AVIKSHA SRIJANI** only, vide affidavit dated 06-04-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **H.C. THAMMANNA GOWDA,** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VARADHARAJULU CHANDRASEKARAN,** aged about 39 years, Residing at Flat No.334, DS Max Saanjih, Yelanahalli Main Road, Akshayanagar, Bangalore - 560076, declare that I have changed the name of my Minor Daughter from **RHEA** (Old Name) to **RHEA VARADHARAJULU** (New Name), henceforth my Daughter shall be known and called as **RHEA VARADHARAJULU** (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 16/04/2022 before Notary **Aravind Patil G.G.,** at BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AJAY PAUL J,** previously called as **Ajay Jitlal Gupta,** S/o. Sri. Jitlal Mataprasad Gupta, aged about 29 years, resident of #05, 2nd Main Road, 4th Cross, Near Government School Road, Shivanagar, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru, 560 010, have changed my name from **AJAY JITLAL GUPTA** to **AJAY PAUL J** vide affidavit: IN-KA92000147318952U Dated: 13/04/2022 before Notary A. GERARD, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) LIZY spouse of NO JC-311266L SUB P. BABU Residing at Rijin Villa, Kovoor, Arinalloor (post), Kunnathoor (tk), Mynagappally (vill), Kollam (Dist), Kerala (state), pin : 690538, Have changed my Name to **(NEW NAME) LIZY MOLE .K** Vide Affidavit Dated 16.04.2022 sworn Before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NAVEEN KUMAR BALAKRISHNA NAIK,** S/o, Balakrishna Naik, Residing at, No.602, 10th Cross, M.S.Ramaiah North City, Nagawara, Thanisandra Main Road, Bengaluru-560045, have changed my previous name **NAVEEN KUMAR BALAKRISHNA NAIK,** to New Name **NAVEEN KUMAR BALAKRISHNA,** vide Affidavit dated:13-04-2022, before the Notary, Sivakumara M.N.,Bangalore for all Official and Legal Purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, HASEENA BEGUM ANWER Resident of No. 617, 30th B Cross, 28th Main Road, Behind Masque Road, Tilak Nagar, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560041. have changed my name to **HASEENA BEGUM** vide affidavit dated 16-04-2022 sworn to before Advocate and notary Aravind Patil G.G., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RATHAN KUMAR .A,** S/o R. Ananda Reddy, aged about 42 years, R/a No. 42, 19th 'J' Cross, Kaggadasapura, C.V. Raman Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560093, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor daughter's name from **PRATHIKSHA** to **PRATHIKSHA SRIJANI,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **PRATHIKSHA SRIJANI** only, vide affidavit dated 06-04-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **H.C. THAMMANNA GOWDA,** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, PRAMOD SRINIVASPUR ARAVIND R/at No.522, 13th Main, 24th A Cross, HSR Layout, Sector 7, Bengaluru- 560102 have changed my name to **PRAMOD ARAVIND** vide affidavit dated:16/4/2022 Before Notary **Aravind Patil G.G** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **TASNEEM KAUSER.** Age 47 years, W/o. Mohammed Shakeel Ahmed. No.215, B. 8th Main, Shanti Niketan Layout, Arekere, Near Sai Baba Temple, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560 076. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **TASNEEM SHAKEEL TO TASNEEM KAUSER.** vide affidavit dated 14/04/2022 sworn before advocate & Notary S.R. ThulasiKrishna, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO 15330966A L/NK SOMALING VAKKUND of unit : 'D' COY, DEPOT BN, MEG & CENTRE, BANGALORE 560042, Have changed My Mother Name from **(OLD NAME) GANGAVVA** to **(NEW NAME) GANGAVVA VAKKUND** Vide Affidavit Dated 16.04.2022 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **UMME SALMA NOORUDDIN AFZAL,** W/o. Muhammad Abdul Haadi, R/ at # 16, 3rd Cross, Defence Colony, Near KEB Office, Adarsh Nagar, Bengaluru-560032, have changed my name to **SALMA MASTAN** vide affidavit dt: 16.04.2022 before Notary **ZIAULLA,** Kolar.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, 1) Prashanth Raj and 2) Pooja Raj, Residing at No.1376, Katriguppe Main Road, Near Hanumanthanagar Police Station, BSK I Stage, Bengaluru-560 050 have changed our son Name from **AYUSH RAJ** to **AYUSHH RAJ PRASHANTH** vide affidavit Dated: 16.04.2022 Sworn before Notary P.N. Nagesha Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ALMAS HAJI HAROON,** S/o Late Haji Haroon, aged about 53 years, R/a Flat No. 102, Amber Apartments No.3, Berlie Street, Langford Town, Bangalore-560052, do hereby declare that both the names i.e., **ALMAS HAJI HAROON** and **ALMAS HAROON** are one and the same and belongs to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **ALMAS HAJI HARRON** only, vide affidavit dated 15-04-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **HAFEEZULLA KHAN .M,** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) P.M.INDRAJA PLUTON,** residing at No. 1628, 1st A Cross, Near Water Tank, Chandra Layout, Bengaluru North, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560040, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) P.M.INDRAJA PLUTON** to **(NEW NAME) P.M.RHEA PLUTON** vide affidavit Dated 28/03/2022 sworn before Notary M.K.Devaki, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Jagadeesh V L,** R/o No. 6 2nd Cross, 24th Main Agaravillage, Bengaluru - 560034, have changed my daughter's name from **SAANVI GOWDA VALAGERAHALI JAGADEESH** to **SAANVI JAGADEESH GOWDA** at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO JC-313582H NB/ SUB ALOK JANA of unit: CICE, DEPOT BN, MEG & CENTRE, BANGALORE, 560042, Have changed My Mother Name from **(OLD NAME) SAKUNDALA** to **(NEW NAME) SHAKUNTALA JANA** Vide Affidavit Dated 16.04.2022 sworn Before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, CHARISHMA RAMAKRISHNA CHOWTA resident of Flat No.419, Brundavan Presidency, 27th Cross, 19th Main, HSR Layout, Opp. Nagarjuna Apartment, Sector-2, Bangalore-560102 have changed my name to **CHARISHMA CHOWTA SHETTY** vide affidavit dated 15-04-2022 sworn to before Advocate and notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SUNIL KUMAR S/o. Shri Moti Prasad, Residing at Flat No.: G-102, 1st floor, Mera Homes, Seegehalli, Kannamangala Post, Bangalore - 560067, have changed my son Name from **AKSHAT CHANDRA AGRAWAAL** to **AKSHAT CHANDRA** vide affidavit Dated: 14.04.2022 Sworn before Notary K.C. Gowthami, Bangalore

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Puneeth Rajkumar

FANS CAN NOW REJOICE *JAMES* WITH APPU'S VOICE

The film, which is currently running in theatres, will be out with an updated version from April 22

A SHARADHAA

THANKS to well-known sound engineer Srinivasa Rao, popularly known as Pappu, fans are set to hear *James* in Puneeth Rajkumar's voice. The updated version with Puneeth's voice will be out from April 22.

Director Chethan Kumar explains, "Post *Baahubali*, Srinivasa Rao, along with his team, has been doing research on how to bring in voice transmission of the actors in multilingual films. Telugu actor Meka Srikanth mentioned to us about Pappu, whom we got in touch with, and then we provided him 15 hours of Appu's vocal footage. Based on the voice, along with the reference of Shivarajkumar's dubbing track, he has managed to recreate Appu's voice. We got the output on Saturday, and *James* with Appu's voice has turned out very well," says Chethan, who adds that this is a first-of-its-kind innovation in world cinema.

James, which was released post the untimely demise of Power Star Puneeth Rajkumar, also featured his brothers Shivarajkumar and Raghavendra Rajkumar in cameos.

Bankrolled by Kishore Pathikonda, *James* had music scored by Charan Raj and cinematography by J Swamy. With Priya Anand sharing screen space opposite Puneeth, the film also features Shine Shetty, *Ugramm*-fame Tilak, Chikanna, Srikanth Meka, Mukesh Rishi, Aditya Menon, Anu Prabhakar, Rangayana Raghu, Harsha, and Suchendra Prasad in pivotal roles.

THE STORY OF *BAANADARIYALLI* COMPLETELY CAPTIVATED ME: RUKMINI VASANTH

This project marks her third Kannada film

Rukmini Vasanth

CE FEATURES

THE makers of *Baanadariyalli*, Ganesh's upcoming film with director Preetham Gubbi, have finalised Rukmini Vasanth as the heroine.

This will mark Rukmini's third project after *Birbal*, and Hemanth M Rao's upcoming Rakshit Shetty-starrer, *Saptha Sagaradaache Yello*. Sharing her excitement about this project, Rukmini told *CE* that she still goes speechless sometimes about bagging this film. "Preetham sir reached out to me for this project, and I was completely captivated by the story narration. More than just being part of such an incredible subject, I was also excited to be collaborating with such an actor-director combination. I have got a great opportunity to be on set with such an excellent team. I'm looking forward to learning from them," she says.

Ganesh and Rukmini is yet another fresh pairing in Sandalwood.

Rukmini feels that it is blissful to see her career shape up the way it has. "I'm really choosy about the scripts because I want to enjoy facing the camera. *Baanadariyalli* is one such story and personally, it is the script that comes first even before my character," says Rukmini.

Not divulging much about her role, Rukmini shares that her character is closely related to the field of sports. The actor will now simultaneously work on *Saptha Saagaradaache Yello* and *Baanadariyalli*. She is expected to begin shooting for the latter by the end of May.

Ganesh and Preetham, known for their collaborations like *Mungaru Male*, *Maleyali Jotheyali*, and *Dil Rangeela*, are reuniting for *Baanadariyalli*, which is written by noted cinematographer Preetha Jayaraman.

While Preetham is penning the screenplay, the film's music will be composed by V Harikrishna. *Baanadariyalli* will be shot by cinematographer Abhilash Kalathi.

The film will be shot mainly in Bengaluru, Kerala, and the makers plan to film certain crucial portions in Africa.

Ganesh and Preetham Gubbi

Milind

Milind to headline Deepak Madhuvanahalli's upcoming romcom

The story of this yet-to-be-titled film is penned by *Rama Rama Re* director D Satya Prakash

CE FEATURES

BHAGYARAJ director Deepak Madhuvanahalli, who has completed the shooting for his second film, *Raju James Bond* starring Gurunandan, is now getting ready to helm his next. Milind, who made his debut with Weekend, will be playing the lead in this yet-to-be-titled project, which will be written by Rama Rama Re director D Satya Prakash. While Satya is also penning the dialogues of the film, he will share screenplay credits with Deepak.

Deepak Madhuvanahalli

Billed to be a romcom, the core of the subject revolves around a 500-year-old antique material.

While the team is yet to finalise the rest of the cast, the makers have roped in composer Anoop Seelin, DoP Lavith, and editor Ajay Kumar as part of the technical team. The team is also in talks with senior actors Ravishankar, Rangayana Raghu, and Achyuth Kumar to play pivotal roles.

Backed by Manjunatha D and D Satya Prakash under the Satya and Mayura Pictures banner, the film is expected to go on floors in May. The makers plan to complete the film in a 50-day schedule, and have finalised Melkote, Mysuru, Bengaluru, Chitradurga, and Shivamogga among other places as locations.

Jaideep wraps up shoot for Ayushmann Khurrana-starrer *An Action Hero*

Ayushmann Khurrana

CE FEATURES

ACTOR Jaideep Ahlawat has wrapped up the shooting for his part in the upcoming film *An Action Hero*, featuring Ayushmann Khurrana.

Billed as a slick actioner with an offbeat, satirical sense of humour, the film follows an artist's journey both in front and behind the lens. "And... it's a Wrap for Me. What a Journey for this film. Thank you Guys for all the Love and an Amazing experience. Thank you for Believing in me. Love you All," Jaideep posted on his Instagram account while making the announcement. The film is directed by Anirudh Iyer, who previously served as an assistant director on *Tanu Weds Manu Returns* (2015) and *Zero* (2018). Ayushmann will be seen in the skin of the eponymous action hero. *An Action Hero* is produced by filmmaker Aanand L Rai's banner Colour Yellow Production and Bhushan Kumar and Krishan Kumar's T-Series. The film went on floors in January this year with its first schedule being shot in London.

Olivia Thirlby

Olivia joins *Oppenheimer*

CE FEATURES

THE *Darkest Hour* actor Olivia Thirlby is set to join the cast of Christopher Nolan's upcoming film *Oppenheimer*. It is the biopic of J Robert Oppenheimer, the theoretical physicist regarded as one of the fathers of the atom bomb. The film is based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning book *American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J Robert Oppenheimer* by Kai Bird and the late Martin J Sherwin.

The film will document the life of Manhattan Project leader J Robert Oppenheimer (essayed by Cillian Murphy), the theoretical physicist whose work on the Manhattan Project led to the creation of the atomic bomb. Written by Nolan, *Oppenheimer* is backed by the filmmaker alongside Emma Thomas and Atlas Entertainment's Charles Roven. The film is expected to be released in theatres on July 21, 2023.

Ranveer Singh

Ranveer-starrer *Jayeshbhai Jordaar*'s new poster out

CE FEATURES

ACTOR Ranveer Singh shared a new poster of his upcoming film *Jayeshbhai Jordaar* on his Instagram account on Sunday. In the poster, Ranveer can be seen in a new look, sporting a brown sweater and a different hairstyle. The text on the poster reads, "*Jayeshbhai ko ladka hoga ya ladki*? (Jayeshbhai will be a father to a boy or a girl?" suggesting that Ranveer's character in the film would be embracing fatherhood, albeit sooner than expected. "*Aapko kya lagta hain?* (What do you think?)" Ranveer captioned the post.

Jayeshbhai Jordaar is scheduled to release on May 13. Earlier, the film's release date clashed with Ayushmann Khurrana starrer Anek, but makers of the Anubhav Sinha film shifted their release to May 27.